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Concerns over £7.4m 'superschool' just days after scheme unveiled

FEARS have already been expressed about a proposed new superschool in Cowbridge as members of the public are being asked for their views on the plans.

Vale of Glamorgan Council is proposing to merge Cowbridge Comprehensive and Y Bont Faen Primary schools to create an 'all-through school' for pupils from three to 19 years old.

A public consultation is about to be launched on the £7.4 million plans, which would have a new 420 place primary school building on the site of Cowbridge Comprehensive school.

Cowbridge councillors have already objected to the council's proposal and say Y Bont Faen Primary is a good school and they don't want it to close.

Cowbridge councillors Hunter Jarvie, Andrew Parker and Geoff Cox said in a joint statement: "Ward members welcome the proposal to build a new school on the Cowbridge Comprehensive school site and increasing its capacity to accommodate 420 primary places and 96 part-time nursery places.

"However, ward members object to the proposal to amalgamate Y Bont Faen Primary with Cowbridge Comprehensive School and associated with this the change of management and disbanding of the governing body. We believe that the council should instead look to extending the current good level of co-operation between the two schools.

"Y Bont Faen is a successful primary school which has a good reputation with parents of pupils and the wider community."

Cllr Jarvie said: "Cowbridge feels the school has a good history and don't want it to be subsumed by a superschool."

Read the full story on page three.

A view of Cowbridge's new 'Lake District'

THIS unusual view of Cowbridge, just north of the comprehensive school, shows just how Natural Resources Wales' flood defence scheme is meant to work.

Taken by Mike Baker, it shows the fields that have flooded after the recent torrential rain. The NRW scheme was introduced to stop flooding in the town centre by allowing the River Thaw to overflow north of the town.

There were no shortage of incidents elsewhere in the Vale. Cllr Peter King, cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "The Vale Council's team has responded to more than 30 incidents of flooding, fallen trees or storm damage.

"The Vale saw 38mm of rain fall over a 24-hour period between midnight on Friday and Saturday, with an intense rain storm occurring around 3pm on Saturday."

Marking Armistice Day in Cowbridge

ARMISTICE Day, 11 November, will be marked in Cowbridge by a short ceremony and observation of a minute's silence at the War Memorial.

This will be attended by members of the Cowbridge Branch of the Royal British Legion and by members of the Town Council.

Anyone else who wishes to attend will be most welcome and should assemble at the War Memorial by 10.50am.

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The Vale's recycling debacle continues

WEEK 1, collection day is Monday, usually 7am, collection wasn't made until Tuesday 11am.

Week 2, collection made at 7.30am on Monday, seemed to be going well except a lot of recycling scattered over the road; guess who had to clean it up?

Week 3, again collected at 7.30am but they decided that two pieces of plastic were not for them, even though clearly marked as recyclable. So the way to get rid of these offending items was to throw them on the garden so they can blow away, adding to the litter already gathering in odd corners of the district.

As I write this (Tuesday morning), the garden waste bags have still not been collected. Obviously the collectors cannot keep to their schedules, even though I am told that there are now two shifts working from 6am–2pm and 2pm–10pm.

What is the point of manufacturers producing new materials to try and resolve waste being placed in landfill, when our so-green council refuses to take them for recycling?

Perhaps they will supply us all with the chemical structure of each type of plastic they will accept, along with a testing kit so we don't make the mistake of putting in plastics clearly marked as recyclable in the plastics recycling bags.

Perhaps the council would like to inform us how much landfill has been reduced by, when it has now refused to take brown wrapping paper, paper bags, cardboard drinks cartons, shredded paper.

Broken glass is also not accepted: surely this is a danger to the collection teams if we are forced to put it in the non-recyclable black plastic bags? The rigid glass boxes would be a much safer place.

Whoever came up with this badly thought out, badly executed idea, needs have a complete rethink of this appalling system or resign from their position.

John Bailey, Llantwit Major.

Will taxpayers foot the bill for new Police centre?

I READ recently that the local authority had given their full backing to the South Wales Police new training and operations centre and that 650 extra people would be using the facility.

It doesn't say who will be paying for this, so I assume that means the taxpayers.

As much as most people in Bridgend would like to see more police officers in the area, there is no suggestion to say any more officers will be seen in the area.

It appears that the vast majority of these 650 people will be admin personnel and trainees from other parts of the UK.

It states that the new visitors and staff will be directed to use the new entrance at the rear of the existing Police HQ. Are the local authority and police aware of the existing problem of entering and exiting Bridgend Industrial Estate in the morning and late afternoon, especially when using the entrance from the B4181 onto North Road of the estate?

With regard to the new two storey gym, is this really a priority? I live alongside the racetrack that goes by the name of Church Acre on Brackla. For many years I, along with many more residents, have been trying to get the Police and Bridgend County Borough Council to provide a substantial speed deterrent along this road without any success. The reason is a lack of finance on every occasion I have tried.

There are most probably many like me who think the money should be spent on more immediate problems, especially not a two storey gym. Bridgend and the immediate surroundings have at least half a dozen very good gyms the police could use, and at least one opposite the police station that is open 24 hours a day.

L Roberts, Bridgend.

Finished? There are still delays at Weycock Cross

HAVING sat in the gridlock that was the Port Road on October 14, I was relieved to hear in The GEM that the Five Mile Lane is completed.

I had been trying to reach Barry from Rhoose to take my sister for her flight, but this had to be abandoned due to the chaos and even the taxi she got struggled to get her to the airport in time.

But, we are told, the road is finished!

Well, not according to what we experienced on October 20. The Five Mile Lane was closed and as we had intended visiting Dyffryn, took the alternative route via Culverhouse Cross.

Our route through St Nicholas was slowed a little due to many pumpkin pickers, but on the other side of St Nicholas we were met with another half an hour's traffic jam due to lights at Sycamore Cross.

My sympathies lie with those who have to travel these tortuous routes every day for work.

The people of Rhoose and surrounding areas are heartily sick of it, and this is further confirmation that the outrageous plan for Model Farm is a non-starter and should be thrown out without hesitation.

Helen Hooper, Rhoose.

Cosmeston Park-and-Ride to be dropped

THE scheme for park-and-ride buses to Cardiff via the Barrage should long ago have been seen as a non-starter.

Routing fast park-and-ride coaches through Penarth's town centre along our narrow streets, half-full with parked cars could never work. Council consultants said airily 'bus priority measures'; competent highways officers would have dismissed this pretence, but instead the council hired another consultant, Capita, to name possible routes to the Barrage, which anyone with local knowledge would say can't work.

NAT already run their 89 bus on much of the route; they have found many traffic delays and problem corners, worse for their larger bus, so could say running large park-and-ride coaches is impossible.

The Vale Council hired Capita to consider sustainable travel, but they have proposed little for cycling and nothing for walking.

No-one denies the major need for safe walking and cycling routes between Penarth and Cogan.

Windsor Road was designated an 'active travel' route, but is far substandard for safety, pollution and attractiveness.

Capita just ignored this primary need, providing an excuse for the council to do likewise. What a shameful misuse of Welsh Government active travel grants.

Capita also ignored the proposal to re-open the Cogan underpass for pedestrians and cyclists to bypass the dreadful Windsor junction. It is an active travel route to Pont-y-Werin and Penarth Haven generally, recognised as inadequate even when built by South Glamorgan County Council.

Vale officers accepted re-opening the underpass is feasible, with the cooperation of Tesco store, but cramming maximum car parking on the old station yard is being given priority.

To help with congestion problems in the Barry-Penarth corridor, park-and-ride sites need to be to the east of Barry. The local Friends of the Earth proposed one at a new Biglis (Ty Verlon) railway station.

A bus park-and-ride could use ex-chemical industry land at Cadoxton.

Councillors have at last knocked out the Cosmeston Park site, they should also knock out Cogan station.

Max Wallis, Penarth.

Further questions raised on carpet

CAN I please ask if any of the so-called councillors on Barry Town Council have even been to see the beautiful carpet they are so upset about?

They say it is disrespectful to walk to the bar over it and that they had no right to use it for this purpose.

They have never been to see where the carpet is; they are just having a go because they think think it might be good publicity.

They are wrong, because you cannot walk over it to get to the bar – it has been placed in a new area under three tables.

It has a margin of three or more feet around it, so even if you place your feet on it when sitting at those tables, unless you are over six feet tall, your feet are very unlikely to actually be on the crest.

Please tell me how you can walk over it?

I would be delighted to know the answer to this as it's puzzling me.

As they are so upset by the carpet, will they also be asking them to take down all the pictures depicting Barry's history as well? I would think these are also demeaning to them – after all, the whole pub or restaurant is a shrine to Barry.

Like many others, I think they should pay a visit before they make fools of themselves and stop putting down a firm that has chosen to invest in Barry.

The council itself should be dealing with things within their remit – not behaving like toddlers that have thrown their toys out of the pram. I am sure there are more important things to involve themselves in.

Mrs T Branton, Rhoose.

New Five Mile Lane project's epic fail

I READ that a Vale spokesperson recently said that the new Five Mile Lane road would "reduce accidents, improve journey time and improve drainage."

Well, I tried to keep this in mind at the weekend as I virtually floated along it!

The whole project was pointless. Shave about two mins off travel time?... maybe.

The claim about it reducing accidents/speeding is ridiculous, because the new road will invite idiots to do just that and in any case they simply needed to add average speed cameras to the existing Five Mile Lane to achieve this at a fraction of the cost.

The improvement to drainage has clearly been seen to be wrong too, judging by the river the new development has created. It has rained worse than this before, but the old lane has never flooded so badly.

All this over priced unnecessary work, plus the impact on so much wildlife habitat.

Well done,'Fail of Glamorgan Council.'

Mr P Hopkins, Barry.

Timing of press release 'reprehensible'

I AM no fan of Ross England, and not even a Conservative voter, but I find that the timing of the release of the 'breaking news' about AM candidate Mr England is remarkable.

It was held onto by someone, or an organisation, within the media until a day when it could do most damage not to Mr England, but the Conservative and Unionist Party and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

That day was the announcement of a General Election. This is reprehensible for a number of reasons: it is exploiting the judicial system;

it is a cynical use of information that, if it was released because it was thought to be in the public interest, should have been released much earlier;

it re-opens wounds for the rape victim, who, presumably, is merely 'collateral damage' in the frenzy to damage Mr Cairns by his opponents.

Finally, if Mr England's response in the witness box was so reprehensible, why did the judge not find him in contempt of court?

Ms Tiffany Dell, Dinas Powys.

Free swimming ends

FURTHER to my letter of October 19 regarding free swimming for over 60s, I found out on November 1 that from December 1, the concession is indeed coming to an end, with the only free swim times in Bridgend being one hour on Thursdays and one hour on Fridays.

Apologies to your correspondent Alun Howell, who obviously had this information before I did!

Christine McGiffie, Bridgend.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 14

Date	Time	Height (metres)
07/11/2019	02.43	7.7
07/11/2019	15.09	8.2
08/11/2019	03.43	8.2
08/11/2019	15.59	8.5
09/11/2019	04.26	8.7
09/11/2019	16.42	8.9
10/11/2019	05.02	9.1
10/11/2019	17.19	9.3
11/11/2019	05.37	9.5
11/11/2019	17.53	9.7
12/11/2019	06.12	9.8
12/11/2019	18.25	9.9
13/11/2019	06.42	10.0
13/11/2019	19.01	10.0
14/11/2019	07.13	9.9
14/11/2019	19.35	9.9

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Fears expressed over 'superschool' scheme

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Cllr Parker said: "The former pupils and current parents don't want to lose the history and tradition of the school."

The council said Y Bont Faen Primary is in a poor condition and has a maintenance backlog worth £301,990 of work.

With an all-through model, pupils would automatically move from the primary to the secondary phase removing the need to apply for a secondary school place.

The council is also planning to move Ysgol Iolo Morganwg to a new 420 place building elsewhere in Cowbridge, but this will be taken forward separately.

The public consultation on the Cowbridge superschool, which was backed by the council's ruling body on November 4, will begin on November 18.

Cabinet members Ben Gray and Kathryn McCaffer abstained from voting for the consultation.

Cllr Gray welcomed plans for a new primary school building but said:

"I'm concerned we're tilting this towards amalgamation from the outset. I don't think this is the this is the right approach for the consultation."

Council leader Neil Moore replied: "I don't think we can go to consultation without a preferred way forward.

"There would obviously be some changes in terms of leadership but that can be considered through the consultation.

"This is not making any decision – if people are against it we can change it.

"We've done that in the past and we can do that again."

Matt Discombe, LDRS

Retired Major died after being punched in Thailand

A RETIRED Army Major from Cowbridge was killed by a gogo bar bouncer in Thailand – as horrific CCTV footage shows him smashing to the ground.

Mike Jones-Mathias, 55, who retired as a major from the Corps of Royal Engineers, was on a work trip in Pattaya.

He stopped in a gogo bar on his way back to his hotel when he called emergency number 911.

But just five minutes after he called the number he was caught on CCTV being punched to the floor by a security guard.

The footage shows him walking backward in the main street outside before throwing a punch to the air.

He is approached by two Thai men – and is then hit to the floor with one horror punch.

The inquest, held in Pontypridd, heard security guard Phumphat Tanosingh was charged with grevous bodily harm for the punch and faced a trial in Thailand.

But he was found not guilty after claiming self-defence – claiming Mr Jones-Mathias had attempted to leave the Mandarin Agogo bar without paying his bill.

Wife Veronica, 50, said: "For the record, I know my husband would never have left a bar without paying a bill.

"What could have happened in that establishment that could make that punch lawful?"

She questioned why her husband would have called for emergency assistance while in the bar.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias was at the start of a three-month work trip as a senior operations project manager.

He had gone for an evening meal with his senior management team but later decided to stop at a bar alone on May 17 last year.

Veronica said: "At no point in the court transcript does it mention the video shown. Why was the video not shown in evidence?

"The judgement was handed down without them knowing that Mike was dead. Had they known I wonder whether or not the conclusion would have been different."

She added her husband put up a "monumental fight" while recovering from his brain injury.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias underwent surgery in Thailand for damage to his right frontal lobe and was finally flown to Cardiff six weeks later.

But he died on March 24 this year, after his health deteriorated.

Professor Phillip Smith, of University Hospital of Wales, gave a cause of death as pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia and traumatic brain injury.

Mr Jones-Mathias, of Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, graduated as an officer in the Army in 1984 and served in the first Gulf War.

Pictured left is Mike Jones-Mathias with his wife Veronica.

Photo supplied by Wales News Service.

He later became a detective sergeant for Gwent Police before moving on to become an operations manager on engineering projects in the Middle East.

The inquest heard Mr Jones-Mathias and his wife had opened a cafe in Cardiff when they returned to the UK in 2015.

But he was asked to go to Thailand for the three month trip in his former role as operations manager.

Acting senior coroner Graeme Hughes rejected the family's request for a conclusion of unlawful killing.

He said: "Yes, it was on the evidence deliberate but was it unlawful?

"I haven't heard any evidence from the assailant. If he was here in the UK then he would be called as a witness and he could be questioned.

"He has not had the opportunity to come before me and make representations to me.

"I have to bear in mind that there was a trial of some sorts in Thailand and as a consequence, he was acquitted.

"I am not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that it would be safe for me to reach unlawful killing."

Recording a narrative conclusion, he said: "The deceased died as a consequence of complications arising from head injuries sustained following a punch to the head."

After the inquest, wife Veronica said: "Mike was a man of uniform. He was a man of duty. He was a stickler for doing the right thing.

"There is no way he would have left without paying a bill.

"I thank God he was resuscitated after he was punched because I had another 11 months with him."

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Guitarist's concert in Llantwit Major Church

GEORGE Tarlton will perform in a concert of solo guitar music on November 14 in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

George's musical career began as a boy with the Norbury choir Libera, singing on multiple TV appearances, recordings and concerts across the country and abroad. The guitar later became an all-consuming passion which led him to study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he graduated with first-class honours in 2015.

He has made an appearance on BBC Radio 3's Late Junction, has performed the Concierto de Aranjuez with the Cerddorfa Dinas Powys Orchestra and is building a reputation as a solo player.

Last month, he won first place in the London International Guitar Festival competition, and is a 2019/20 Eurostrings artist.

George is also part of the successful Mela Guitar Quartet who have released two CDs and have recently been on a trip to China, which will be repeated next year.

His programme will include music by Bach, some contemporary pieces and more well-known repertoire from the classical guitar world.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANTWIT MAJOR PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 26) LLANTWIT MAJOR (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of Welsh Ministers and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llantwit Major number 26 closed for a distance of 50 metres both north and south of the railway line

Alt. Route: Local Signed diversions shall be in place.

Reason: To prevent danger to pedestrians while railway repair work is carried out.

Duration: Nightly between 8.50pm and 5.45am Monday to Friday only from Monday 18th November 2019 until Friday 20th December 2019

Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANILTYD FAWR Rhif 26) LLANILTYD FAWR (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Llwybr troed (hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus) a elwir Llaniltyd Fawr Rhif 26 ar gau am bellter o 50 metr i ' r Gogledd ac i ' r de o ' r rheilffordd

Llwybr: Bydd gwyriadau lleol wedi eu harwyddo yn eu lle

Rheswm: I atal perygl i gerddwyr tra bod gwaith atgyweirio ' r rheilffordd yn cael ei wneud.

Hyd: Bob nos rhwng 8.50 YB a 5.45 am o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener yn unig o ddydd Llun 18 Tachwedd 2019 tan ddydd Gwener 20 Rhagfyr 2019

Dyddiedig y 7 dydd hwn o Tachwedd 2019
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Pharmacists' Hallowe'en effort!

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Photo by Andy Wicks.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANDOW PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 6) CWRT NEWYDD (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

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SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llandow Number 6 closed for a distance of 50 metres both east and west of the railway line

Alt. Route: Local Signed diversions shall be in place.

Reason: To prevent danger to pedestrians while railway repair work is carried out.

Duration: From Monday 25th November 2019 until Saturday 21st December 2019

Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANDOW Rhif 6) CWRT NEWYDD (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

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ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Llwybr troed (hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus) a elwir Llandow Rhif 6 ar gau am bellter o 50 metr i ' r Gogledd ac i ' r de o ' r rheilffordd

Llwybr: Bydd gwyriadau lleol wedi eu harwyddo yn eu lle

Rheswm: I atal perygl i gerddwyr tra bod gwaith atgyweirio ' r rheilffordd yn cael ei wneud.

Hyd: Ddydd Llun 25 Tachwedd 2019 tan ddydd Sadwrn 21 Rhagfyr 2019

Dyddiedig y 7 dydd hwn o Tachwedd 2019
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

Concerns over £26m road's design as it's turned into a 'canal'

A ROAD which the Welsh Government spent £26 million on has suffered flooding just weeks after opening.

The new route of the A4226 between the A48 and Barry was officially opened on October 15 to make it easier for motorists to get to and from Cardiff Airport. But the road – known locally as Five Mile Lane – was open a matter of weeks before parts of it were flooded when heavy rain hit the Vale of Glamorgan last weekend.

The Local Democracy Reporting Service has been told up to a foot of standing water was on the road in some places, including the lay-by near the Welsh Hawking Centre. Campaigners are now criticising the design and drainage of the new road – with some locals dubbing the route "Five Mile Canal".

The council said the flooding affected the older parts of the road and occurred due to fly-tipping in the drainage system.

Ian Perry, from St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council, said the new Five Mile Lane was built on the cheap with many of the active travel routes having been downgraded. He said sections of the foot and cycle paths along the road have been either narrowed or shortened, or offer no protection from vehicles travelling up to 60mph.

Mr Perry said: "They put saving money ahead of safety and the needs of the public. There are design faults all over the place. Every time it rains there are water issues. They knew about these problems before, because it had been reported.

"They wanted to do it on the cheap."

The £25.8 million route between Sycamore Cross and the A48, and the Weycock Cross roundabout in Barry was funded by Welsh Government and the design and construction was overseen by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Cllr Vincent Bailey, leader of the Conservatives on the Vale of Glamorgan Council said: "Having spent £26 million upgrading Five Mile Lane, it's rather worrying that it seems to have become badly flooded at the first sign of heavy rain. It's not as though this kind of weather is unusual in Wales, after all.

"These improvements were made to boost safety and to improve connectivity, so the council and Welsh Government will be hoping that this isn't a recurring problem with the way the road was built.

"Otherwise it's not going to provide much of an economic boost for the region if the new Five Mile Lane is forced to close every time it rains."

Welsh Government and Vale of Glamorgan Council said the new road will lead to shorter journey times and improve safety. The old Five Mile Lane was an accident black spot. Along with the new foot and cycleways, a bridleway and bridge have also been built to provide a crossing for horse riders.

A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesman said: "The flooding on Five Mile Lane affected the original road, not the new section and, while the level of rainfall last Saturday was a contributing factor, it occurred because the drainage system became blocked with fly-tipped material.

"Further investigation work into the incident is under way and any improvements necessary to reduce the risk of flooding along this section of highway will be undertaken."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We are working with Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out why flooding occurred on sections on the road and have asked them for an urgent update."

Success for globe-trotting care home manager

A CARE home manager from Llantwit Major who spent his early career supporting children with special needs in America and South Africa is celebrating a national care award.

Stuart Davies (42), general manager of Plas Bryn Rhosyn Care Home in Heol Illtyd, Neath, set up his own charity after spending several months working with children with learning difficulties and complex needs in impoverished communities in Cape Town. Stuart joined forces with a friend and raised enough money to help fund a children's burns unit in Cochabamba in Central Bolivia, as well as erecting lightning rods to safeguard a Ugandan residential school which was partly demolished after being hit by lightning.

After a social care career spanning more than 20 years, Stuart won a silver award in the final of the Wales Care Awards 2019. He was nominated by Tony Hart, Pobl Care and Support's assistant director of care homes, was honoured in the 'Leadership and Management in Residential Care Services' category, sponsored by Christie & Co. The national awards are organised by Care Forum Wales and acknowledge the exceptional work and dedication of those in the care sector.

Stuart said: "I've been to the awards for the past three years after nominating staff, so I was really surprised to be nominated myself. To me, it's all about the home as a whole and the staff and the residents together. Being nominated means a lot; I don't take praise very well and I don't like to be the centre of attention. I get my satisfaction from seeing other people do well."

Stuart has been in his current post since January 2018 and manages all aspects of the 59-bed care home, which incorporates full-time residential care, a reablement service, and short-term respite care.

Among his recent achievements is assisting in developing the pilot programme 'I Fell Down', in conjunction with the Welsh Ambulance Service, ensuring people who have suffered falls are lifted to a safe and comfortable place before paramedics arrive.

Nominating Stuart for his award, Tony Hart said: "Stuart's an incredibly dedicated and hard-working manager who consistently goes the extra mile to ensure residents receive extremely high quality, person-centred care."

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO 2018 GOLEUADAU A MARCHNAD NADOLIG SGWÂR Y BRENIN, Y BARRI DYDD LAU 21 TACHWEDD – DYDD LLUN 24 TACHWEDD 2019

RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud Gorchymyn o dan Adran 16A o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 fel a ganlyn:

GAN FOD Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fel yr Awdurdod Priffyrdd yn fodlon y dylid cyfyngu traffig ar y strydoedd neu rannau ohonynt fel y'i rhestrwyd yng ngholofn 2 yr Atodlen er mwyn cynnal digwyddiad perthnasol, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a roddwyd iddo gan Adran 16A o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFARWYDDO DRWY HYN**, er mwyn hwyluso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi aelodau o'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad dan sylw a lleihau'r effaith debygol o darfu ar y traffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, y caiff y rheoliadau canlynol eu dilyn:-

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND MARKET KING SQUARE, BARRY THURSDAY 21st – SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Vale of Glamorgan Council has made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:

WHEREAS the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in schedule 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles and resident permit holders between the hours specified in column 3 of the schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Thursday 21st November 2019 To Sunday 24th November 2018	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	From 6.00pm on Thursday 21st November 2019 to 6.00pm on Sunday 24th November 2019

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

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Big charity bash to mark man's lifesaving op

Martin Thomas, Richard and Andrew Finucane, Richard Bluck, Nick Turley and Bedwr Morgan at the celebration evening

CELEBRATIONS to mark one year since a man's successful double lung transplant raised more than £10,000 for charity.

Family and friends of Richard Bluck, who has cystic fibrosis, boogied the night away at a barn dance and dinner in Colwinston village hall recently.

The get-together was put on to mark the first anniversary of the operation and to drum up cash for the Better Life Appeal, which raises money for a cystic fibrosis unit to be built at Llandough Hospital in the future.

Generous party-goers helped raise an impressive £10,500.

Thirty-six-year-old Mr Bluck, who currently lives in Llysworney, has attended the current unit, which only has seven beds despite serving more than 300 people from all over Wales, since he was 16.

Last October he became extremely ill and spent six-and-a-half months on the unit before being transferred to Harefield Hospital.

He was no longer able to breathe for himself so had to be sedated, intubated and kept alive by a machine.

Mr Bluck went to the top of the National Emergency Transplant list for the whole of the UK and after an anxious nine day wait, lungs became available.

He spent 10 weeks in Harefield after the operation, including six weeks in intensive care recovering from sepsis, but was able to return home to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr Bluck's mother, Diane, said: "Having new lungs has dramatically changed Richard's life and he can now do so many things that he couldn't do before without feeling breathless and being on oxygen 24 hours a day.

"He is still on many medications and anti-rejection drugs which compromise his immune system and make him more vulnerable to infection, but he is now living a more normal and fulfilling life."

She added: "The anniversary of the lung transplant felt a fitting way to thank all those wonderful friends who supported him and his family through the difficulties of 2018 and to help the cystic fibrosis team whose care and dedication kept him alive before transferring him to the talented and skilful Harefield Transplant Team."

The celebration evening also featured live music from Ceilidh band Thingumijigs and a raffle with top prizes including a Big Green Egg, donated by Topstak.

Mr Bluck and his family thanked everyone who made the night happen including Huw and Rachel Evans who decorated the village hall, and Chris Caradog for supplying the food.

However, the biggest thanks the Bluck family would like to give goes to the donor and his family as, without them, Mr Bluck wouldn't have been given the gift of life.

Mr Bluck said in a speech at the celebration evening: "Gone but never forgotten would seem the most appropriate words to speak with regard to my donor.

"Without him and the understanding from his loved ones at the point when he died, I wouldn't be standing here tonight.

"I will forever be grateful to them and it seems strange to think that I will always have a connection with a stranger whom I will never meet."

Llantwit Major remembers

ON Sunday, November 10 a Remembrance Service will be held around the Cenotaph in Llantwit Major.

Local dignitaries and organisations are to meet at the Rugby Club at 10am before forming to march at 10.35am. The parade will run through the town before arriving at the Cenotaph for the service.

Due to the fantastic support of the event in previous years, the number of people who take part in the parade from the rugby club car park has increased significantly. Concerns were raised that some of the younger participants have been unable to reach the Cenotaph to lay their wreaths.

To try and avoid this happening we have asked the larger organisations, ie sports clubs, to nominate representatives to march and encourage the remaining team members to be in position at the Cenotaph (church end by the old butcher shop).

Following the service, the congregation will march back to take salutes at the precinct. At this point full team members are invited to join the march.

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Valeways walks

ON Friday, November 15 at 10am, a walk around Sigingstone and Llandough takes place starting at the Cross Inn, Llanblethian CF71 7JF.

On Wednesday, November 20 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers start off from Llantwit Major Town Hall.

On Sunday, November 24 at 2pm, a 'Ponds and Coast' walk starts from Fontygary caravan park, Rhoose, CF62 3ZT.

On Wednesday, November 27 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(LLANDOW PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 10)
TY DRAW (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of Welsh Ministers and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llandow Number 10 closed for a distance of 50 metres both east and west of the railway line
Alt. Route: Local Signed diversions shall be in place.
Reason: To prevent danger to pedestrians while railway repair work is carried out.
Duration: From Monday 25th November 2019 until Saturday 21st December 2019

Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANDOW Rhif 10)
TŶ DRAW (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

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ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Llwybr troed (hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus) a elwir Llandow Rhif 10 ar gau am bellter o 50 metr i ' r Gogledd ac i ' r de o ' r rheilffordd
Llwybr: Bydd gwyriadau lleol wedi eu harwyddo yn eu lle
Rheswm: I atal perygl i gerddwyr tra bod gwaith atgyweirio ' r rheilffordd yn cael ei wneud.
Hyd: Ddydd Llun 25 Tachwedd 2019 tan ddydd Sadwrn 21 Rhagfyr 2019

Dyddiedig y 7 dydd hwn o Tachwedd 2019
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
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British Legion information

THE Royal British Legion Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, November 12 from 10am to 12pm.

Information on independent living, support for carers ,supporting veterans in the community and signposting to other networks available. No appointment is needed, just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446/732385 for further information.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk 'Friends Against Scams' by Siân Cudleigh at 2pm on Wednesday, November 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; a small fee covers refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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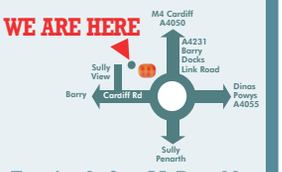

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Blackmill PACT

A PACT public meeting will be held at Blackmill Community centre on Monday, November 11 at 6.30pm.

Barry Floral Society

FOR members of the Barry Floral Society November means Christmas decorations.

On Tuesday, November 12 well known flower arranger Ms Linda Garratt of Abergavenny will inspire friends and mmbers with her demonstration 'It's That Time of Year'.

Country market

A COUNTRY market takes place on Friday, November 15 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On Saturday, November 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place from 9am to 1pm at Arthur John's car park, Cowbridge.

Radio station scoops four gongs at awards night

Successful Bro Radio volunteers picking up their awards at the recent ceremony in Barry.

BRO Radio, the local station for the Vale of Glamorgan, picked up four awards at the National Community Radio Awards.

The station was recognised with eight nominees in the short-list, which were whittled down from more than 425 entries submitted from community radio stations in every corner of the UK.

The awards evening took place at the Memo Arts Centre in Barry.

During the evening, Bro Radio picked up four awards; one gold, two silver and one bronze.

The Gold Award for Sage Person (Over 60) went to Geoff Selby, who lives in Penarth and is one of the station's longest serving volunteers, presenting six programmes a week, giving more than 1,500 hours a year to the organisation.

Silver Awards were picked up by Kane McMahon in Young Person of the Year and Bro Radio's weekly musicals programme 'It's Showtime with Ryan and Jodana' picked up silver in Specialist Music Show of the Year.

The station's weekly news programme, The Vale This Week which airs on a Wednesday night from 6pm, also picked up a bronze in the category of Community Show of the Year.

Bro Radio's Operations Director Nathan Spackman said: "Our team were thrilled to welcome Community Radio stations from across the UK to Barry

'Very rare' 115-year-old record donated to charity shop

A 115-year-old record has recently been donated to the Oxfam shop in Penarth.

The record, on the Nicole record label is very rare as it was made from semi-unbreakable material which looks a bit like linoleum. It is in fact cardboard with a thin layer of celluloid.

The record would have been made between 1903 and 1906 by Nicole Freres of Ely Place, Holborn Circus, London, who had been musical box manufacturers since 1815, so it was natural that they should branch out into records.

An Oxfam shop spokesperson said: "The record at Oxfam is one sided and features Mr Wilfred Virgo (tenor) singing 'Holy City'. The sound of these records was rather rumbly because of the material, although this would not have been much of an issue when played on acoustic gramophones of the period. These records had less durability than those made of the traditional shellac."

In 1906, Nicole Frères went into liquidation due to the failure of their main musical-box business.

Caroline Mumford, the shop manager said: "We were delighted to find this donated with a pile of seven-inch vinyl records. We occasionally have shellac 78 records of this era, but have never had one that resembles vinyl. It has not been played since we found it, as we are frightened the record could be damaged!

"While the record is comparatively rare, it is not of massive value, but is all the same a very exciting find.

"It's fascinating to think who could have purchased the record all those years ago, how it has survived the 20th century and how it has made its way to Penarth. The shop is hoping that readers may help Amanda and Nigel, the music volunteers, to find out more about Wilfred Virgo who was a tenor and how the record can be safely cleaned and played. The record will be on display in the shop for two

weeks before being sold with an asking price between £15-£20."

The Oxfam shop is continually in need of all donations relating to music especially vinyl of all genres - both 7", LPs and 78s. They also accept CDs, cassettes, sheet music, music books and musical instruments whether they are working or not. Anyone with music of any type that they would like to donate can drop it in to the shop at 8a Windsor Road. Large collections of vinyl can be picked up by arrangement.

St Hilary remembers…

FOR the second year running the St Hilary telephone box has been decorated with poppies for Remembrance.

It commemorates all those who lost their lives in conflict and also pays homage to the role that women played in World War One and later in World War Two.They also played a vital role on the home front, running households and fighting a daily battle of rationing, recycling, reusing, and growing food in allotments and gardens. The panels on the telephone box provide information on the Women's Land Army which was created so that women could work in agriculture. In Wales, the biggest demand for female labour came from the new munitions factories. Hirwaun, Glascoed and Bridgend employed over 60,000 people between them, the majority of whom were women. The Women's Institute (WI) made a significant contribution. In rural areas it helped place evacuees, raise the profile of the National Savings Campaign, ran market stalls to sell surplus produce, made jam on an epic scale contributing to Britain's food supplies and, in 1944 during a three-month campaign to knit for Europe, produced more than 150,000 items. The information includes a photo of the Cowbridge WI.

There is also acknowledgement of the women who were members of the British Special Operations Executive who were invaluable as couriers, spies, saboteurs and radio operators in the field. There is a tribute to the 8,000 women (roughly 75% of the total workforce) who worked at Bletchley Park deciphering enemy codes.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANDOW PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 5) SUTTON (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of Welsh Ministers and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llandow Number 5 closed for a distance of 50 metres both north and south of the railway line

Alt. Route Local Signed diversions shall be in place.

Reason To prevent danger to pedestrians while railway repair work is carried out.

Duration From 8.00pm on Monday 25th November 2019 until 07.00am on Saturday 21st December 2019

Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANDOW Rhif 5) RHWYS (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Llwybr troed (hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus) a elwir Llandow Rhif 5 ar gau am bellter o 50 metr i ' r Gogledd ac i ' r de o ' r rheilffordd

Llwybr Rheswm Bydd gwyriadau lleol wedi eu harwyddo yn eu lle

Hyd O 8.00 pm ddydd Llun 25 Tachwedd 2019 tan 07.00 am ddydd Sadwrn 21 Rhagfyr 2019

Dyddiedig y 7 dydd hwn o Tachwedd 2019
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANTWIT MAJOR PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 27) MORFA (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of Welsh Ministers and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Llantwit Major Number 27 closed for a distance of 50 metres both east and west of the railway line

Alt. Route: Local Signed diversions shall be in place.

Reason: To prevent danger to pedestrians while railway repair work is carried out.

Duration: From 8.00pm on Tuesday 10th December 2019 until 07.00am on Friday 20th December 2019

Dated this 7th day of November 2019
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS LLANILTYD FAWR Rhif 27) MORFA (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Llwybr troed (hawliau tramwy cyhoeddus) a elwir Llaniltyd Fawr Rhif 27 ar gau am bellter o 50 metr i ' r Gogledd ac i ' r de o ' r rheilffordd

Llwybr: Bydd gwyriadau lleol wedi eu harwyddo yn eu lle

Rheswm: I atal perygl i gerddwyr tra bod gwaith atgyweirio ' r rheilffordd yn cael ei wneud.

Hyd: O 8.00 pm ddydd 10 Rhagfyr 2019 tan 07.00 am ddydd 20 Rhagfyr 2019

Dyddiedig 7 dydd hwn o Tachwedd 2019
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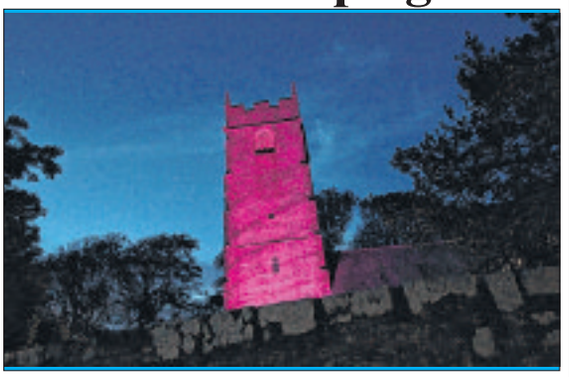
Cowbridge colour and cuisine mark 'End Polio Now' campaign



Llanblethian Church was lit in purple for the 'End World Polio' event.

PURPLE was the theme surrounding a Cowbridge Rotary event aimed at raising funds and awareness for a global campaign to eradicate Polio worldwide.

With conversation over a curry, the event raised more than £300 in support of the 2019 Rotary International campaign. With many buildings in the Vale and Cardiff Bay bathed in purple lights, Cowbridge Rotary joined in with their own lighting displays. Created to mark International 'End World Polio' Day, any guests at the dinner who forgot to join in with the purple dress code for the evening found themselves finger-deep in purple ink as a forfeit as a symbol to reflect the routine used by medical teams to identify children who have had their vaccination. Since Rotary has been involved, over 2.5 billion children have received the oral vaccination, resulting a 99 per cent decrease in the disease and for more than two years, there have been wild polio cases in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. President Peter Davies said: "It is about raising awareness and funds, and we are delighted to have been able to collect £312 for such a tremendous initiative."

Busy time for Scouts with trips to here, there and everywhere

FIRST Penmark with Porthkerry Scouts and Explorers have had a busy time recently with a trip to Norway and taking part in an area shooting day.

They've also been bowling and had a look at a plant based diet! Cubs had a day on the water at Barry boat base, been to SWAM, Barry fire station and had a go at skittles in the Rhoose Social Club.

Beavers also visited Barry fire station, have done some first aid and had an evening hike.

On November 10 the group will take part in the Remembrance parade in Rhoose and hopefully people will have seen their poppy waterfall at St Peter's Church. The run up to Christmas is always busy for the group, as their biggest fundraiser runs throughout November with Scout Post. Stamps are 30p and available in various outlets throughout Rhoose and the surrounding villages.

Every stamp sold generates income directly for the group.

Last posting date is December 2.

Search for '1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group and Fourovus Explorer Scout Unit' on Facebook to see the group's new page.

Croeso Cowbridge campaign continues

Kathy Kettle, Pamela Haines, Rev Stephen Adams, Rev Dr Angela Cooper, AM Jane Hutt and Anna Cory.

VALE AM Jane Hutt gathered with members of The Croeso Cowbridge Group at a recent coffee morning to raise funds to enable a Syrian refugee family to settle in Cowbridge by the summer of 2020.

The event was held held at Pamela Haines' home in Colwinston, when over £900 was raised towards the £9,000 target.

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Keeping up to date with the Friendship Club

AT the October meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club, members were treated to an interesting talk by Jayne James, the former BBC newsreader.

Her career at the BBC started in the general office and lead to her role as newsreader. Jayne used to write her own news bulletins and covered Wales Today when one of the regular presenters was absent.

There was a surprise visit to the club from two members of Cowbridge Rotary, when president Peter Davies came along to present Olive Rawson, one of the Friendship Club volunteers for more than 20 years, with the Rotary Club Good Citizenship Award, which also covered her volunteer services with the Cowbridge Monday Club and the Red Cross.

At the next meeting on November 28, members of With Music in Mind will entertain.

If you would like to know more about the club, call 01446 774524 for information.

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Air link from Cardiff to Aberdeen returns

EASTERN Airways is re-introducing a Flybe franchise service linking Cardiff with Aberdeen.

The UK regional airline will offer a daily service from November 11, with 10 flights a week in total. Services from Cardiff were launched by Eastern Airways in 2006 and the airline also flies from the airport to Anglesey and Newcastle. Roger Hage, Eastern Airways' general manager, said: "We are re-establishing a previous air link from Cardiff to Aberdeen aimed at the energy sector and growing leisure market."

Spencer Birns, Chief Commercial Officer at Cardiff Airport added: "It is fantastic to see the return of flights to Aberdeen. It's a thriving port city and a link to the offshore industry off the North Sea, a popular university city and short break destination."

The Cardiff to Aberdeen flights will operate via Newcastle with on board transit. All flights will be bookable at flybe.com from November 8.

Cllr Neil Moore – an apology

ON this page last week, which featured the monthly column by the Leader of the Vale Council, Cllr Neil Moore, there was a typographical error.

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed that the Christian name 'Alex' was used, rather than 'Neil'. The GEM would like to apologise for the error, which should have been picked up at the proof reading stage.

Llanmaes defib

A list that was compiled and sent to The GEM, detailing communities around Llantwit Major that offered access to a defibrillator, had an omission.

The village of Llanmaes also has a defibrillator. It was installed after fundraising by the villagers, and is to be found in the porch of the village hall.

Fairs and markets in the Vale

Country market

A COUNTRY market takes place on Friday, November 15 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On Saturday, November 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place from 9am to 1pm at Arthur John's car park, Cowbridge.

Christmas fair

THE LCHA will hold their 2019 Christmas fair in the Llansannor Community Hall on Saturday, November 16 between 10am and 2pm; entry is free.

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Dyddiedig 7 Tachwedd 2019.
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SCHEDULE 1

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SCHEDULE 2

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Reason: To prevent damage to the road bridge and in the interests of public safety

Duration: From 00.01Hrs on Monday 18th November 2019 for a maximum period of 18 Months

Alt. Route: Alternate access will be via the B4265, B4270 Llantwit Major Road or A4226 and the A48 road.

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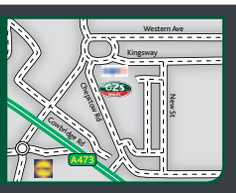

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Ex-MP quits cabinet amid rape trial row

LEFT: Former Vale MP Alun Cairns.

RIGHT: Suspended assembly candidate Ross England

FORMER Vale MP Alun Cairns has quit his job as the government's secretary of state for Wales over claims he knew about a former aide's role in the 'sabotage' of a rape trial.

Mr Cairns denied knowing Conservative assembly candidate Ross England had made claims about the rape victim's sexual history in an April 2018 trial.

But reporters at BBC Wales discovered Mr Cairns was emailed about the situation in August 2018 – four months before Mr England was selected to contest the Vale of Glamorgan seat.

Mr Cairns, who was the cabinet's longest-serving minister having been appointed in 2016, previously said he only became aware of Mr England's role in the trial's collapse when the story broke last week.

A statement from Mr Cairns' spokesman, sent to the Glamorgan GEM last week, said: "Mr Cairns received no communication at any point from the court regarding this case."

Mr England was suspended as a Welsh assembly candidate last week.

In his resignation letter, sent to Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday, Mr Cairns said: "You will be aware of allegations relating to the actions of a party employee and candidate for the Welsh assembly elections in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"This is a very sensitive matter, and in light of continued speculation, I write to tender my resignation as secretary of state for Wales.

"I will co-operate in full with the investigation under the Ministerial Code which will now take place and I am confident I will be cleared of any breach of wrongdoing."

Mr England said he had given an "honest answer" while giving evidence at the rape trial of his friend James Hackett.

He told the court he'd had a casual sexual relationship with the complainant – which she denied – despite the judge making it clear that evidence of the sexual history of the victim was inadmissible.

Judge Stephen John Hopkins said to him: "Why did you say that? Are you completely stupid?

"You have managed single-handed, and I have no doubt it was deliberate on your part, to sabotage this trial… get out of my court."

Hackett was convicted at a later trial.

Paul Davies AM, leader of the Welsh Conservatives, said: "I am sorry to see Alun resign today as the Secretary of State for Wales however, under the circumstances this was the right decision for him.

"Alun has rightly stated he will cooperate fully with any investigations.

"I would like to thank Alun for his service to Wales as our secretary of state where he brought an end to the Severn Bridge tolls, which will leave a lasting legacy on the Welsh economy."

He added: "This case has been shocking and disturbing. My heart goes out to this individual and to all victims of rape and sexual assault.

"I expect the highest standards from Welsh Conservative Assembly candidates. This court case suggests that Ross England has fallen short of those standards."

It is understood Mr Cairns will stand for re-election as the Vale of Glamorgan's MP in December's General Election.

The GEM approached Mr Cairns' office for comment, but none was forthcoming at the time of going to press.

Scout Post in the Vale – don't miss the date!

THE Christmas Scout Post is now in full swing in Llandough and people are urged to note that the last post is December 2.

Stamps cost 30p each, with deliveries between December 7 and 15.

The area covered is the whole of Cardiff and Vale Council areas.

Stamps can be collected and cards posted at Llandough Ironing Company, 52 Dochdwy Road; The Merrie Harrier, 15 Spencer Drive and 12 Downfield Close.

In addition, stamps and collections are available from a car outside Llandough school on Friday, November 29 between 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 3.30pm; Saturday, November 30 between the hours of 11am and 1pm and on Monday, December 2 from 11am to 1pm, and 2pm to 3.30pm.

Look out for the signs at these locations.

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Scout Post in Barry

THE Scout Post offers people of Cardiff and the Vale an opportunity to send Christmas cards at a fraction of the cost – this year at 30p a stamp.

All money raised from the scheme goes into Scouting activities run by volunteer adult leaders. The Scouts deliver cards to most areas of Cardiff and the Vale and a leaflet is available at all of our outlets, which list the distribution areas.

All cards must be posted by Monday, December 2, into one of our designated boxes. Following sorting by volunteer teams the cards will be delivered between December 7 and 15.

Stamps, leaflets, post boxes, sorting and delivery in Barry is co-ordinated by the First Barry Sea Scouts. We would like to thank all of the staff in the more than 20 businesses on the following streets, who sell stamps and collect the post for us:

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Christmas wrapping at Cadoxton WI

THE meeting of Cadoxton WI on October 21 was a wonderful evening, with Alison Westwood showing members the art of wrapping gifts – from stunning bottle presentations to awkward items.

It is now expected that this year's Christmas gifts to our loved ones will be magnificent – regardless of what is inside!

Raffles this month were won by Eileen Bishop and Audrey Stansfield.

On October 24 some of the members enjoyed a trip to Festival Park for some retail therapy and lunch, well Christmas is just around the corner!

Our next meeting will be held at Victoria Park Community Centre on Monday, November 18 at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in joining is always welcome. Call Christina Whitchurch on 01446 404891.

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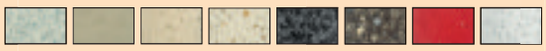

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Barry is embracing becoming Dementia Friendly

DEMENTIA Friendly Barry has worked hard this year to raise the awareness of people living with dementia and their carers in Barry.

Local businesses and organisations have been encouraged to hold a free one-hour dementia awareness session by a trained Alzheimer's Society-trained volunteer dementia champion.

They then complete a pledge form to work towards creating a dementia friendly environment in their place of work or organisation. They will be given a Dementia Friendly Barry/Alzheimer's Society Certificate and window stickers to show that they are supporting a Dementia Friendly Barry.

From May to October this year, 220 people have attended the dementia awareness sessions, with ages ranging from 65 to 10 years old. Organisations that have signed up this year include Dementia Friendly Tai Chi in YMCA Barry, Passmores Solicitors and the Waterfront Medical Practice.

If you are a carer or living with dementia and are looking for information and activities for people living with dementia, visit www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk. For information about free dementia awareness sessions in Barry, send an email to dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com.

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Volunteers needed for Christmas food collection

CHARITIES The Trussell Trust and FareShare are appealing for volunteers to help in the UK's biggest food collection for people in need over the Christmas period.

From Thursday, November 21 until Saturday, November 23, the two charities will be collecting food throughout Tesco stores across Wales during the annual Tesco Food Collection.

They are looking for volunteers to encourage shoppers in their stores to donate.

Tesco have said that they will top up customer donations by 20 per cent.

Emma Revie, chief executive at The Trussell Trust, said: "No one should need a foodbank at any time of year – but we know during the lead-up to Christmas, our network of foodbanks see even more people needing help.

"The more people who volunteer, the more food will be collected."

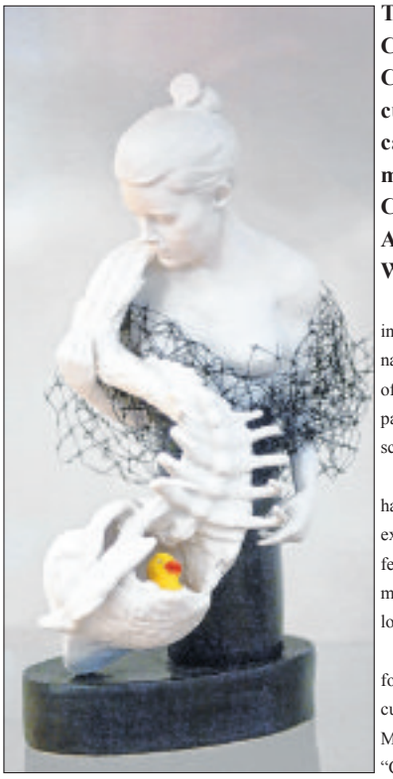
Farihah Choudhury volunteered at the last Tesco Food Collection, collecting donations for local groups supported by FareShare.

She said: "I loved volunteering last year – it was great to speak with shoppers donating food.

"The kindness I saw was wonderful and gave me a lot of hope," she added.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering can find out more and sign up at fareshare.org.uk/tescofoodcollection/.

Contemporary Art Society exhibits at Art Central



THE Vale Council-run Art Central gallery is currently showcasing work by members of the Contemporary Art Society for Wales (CASW).

The exhibition includes over 100 original art works in a variety of media, ranging from painting, textile, print, sculpture and glass.

More than 40 artists have contributed to the exhibition, both professional and amateur, many of whom are Vale locals.

The cabinet member for leisure, arts and culture, Cllr Kathryn McCaffer, said: "CASW is a charitable organisation that works to promote the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts in Wales. They regularly organise lectures, collections and exhibitions both in the UK and abroad and we're thrilled to have our gallery play its part."

We Make Art Too is open until Saturday, November 16, with much of the artwork for sale. Pictured is Pamela Jones' 'Amphitrite with Dead Fish and Rubber', porcelain mixed media. The gallery operates the Arts Council of Wales Collector scheme which assists in making artwork affordable to the public.

For more information, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/artcentral.

Oh! What's occurring?

Barry back on the small screen as Gavin & Stacey returns for festive special

FANS of BBC1's smash-hit sitcom Gavin & Stacey will not be disappointed when the show returns to our screens this Christmas for a festive special.

We last saw the Barry and Billericay contingent nearly a decade ago and many thought that would be the last time they graced our TVs.

But thanks to writers Ruth Jones and James Corden, who also play Nessa and Smithy respectively in the sitcom, the much-loved gang are back.

Cast members gathered with journalists, including Sam Hall from The GEM, on Monday (October 4) for the show's official press launch at London's Soho Hotel.

Former Porthcawl Comprehensive student Rob Brydon, who plays Bryn in the show, Alison Steadman, otherwise known as Pam Shipman, and her on-screen husband Larry Lamb, who plays Mick, were all there to watch the upcoming festive instalment.

Mathew Horne, who plays title character Gavin, Joanna Page, who portrays Stacey, Melanie Walters, behind the character Gwen, Robert Wilfort, who plays Jason, and Ruth Jones, who also went to Porthcawl Comp, attended the reunion.

The only notable absence was James Corden, who plays Gavin's bestfriend Smithy, probably because he was busy in America.

All of the journalists at the screening were sworn to secrecy by the BBC not to reveal any spoilers until the rest of the country watched the highly-anticipated show on Christmas Day.

Loyal followers of the award-winning show, which follows the lives of Gavin, from Essex, and Barry-based Stacey, thought they'd never see the much-loved characters get-together on screen since series three ended in 2010.

And earlier this year, thousands of fans were left screaming "oh my Christ" as they got the news they'd been waiting so long for.

James Corden took to Twitter to announce that the show would return once more.

Not long after the announcement, camera crews turned up in Barry and hordes of people lined the Island and Trinity Street – the road where the Welsh side of the family live – to catch a glimpse of the action.

Barry was thrown onto a world stage shortly after Gavin & Stacey was first broadcast in 2007 with people coming from far and wide to walk in the characters' footsteps on the Island.

People line up to have their photos taken outside Marco's Cafe, where Stacey worked in the show, and merchandise inspired by the TV series can be picked up at a string of businesses.

And now comes the long wait until fans finally get to see what is in store for the Shipmans and the Wests in the 2019 Christmas Special.

Will we finally discover what happened on Uncle Bryn and Jason's infamous fishing trip?

Are Gavin and Stacey still together?

What's happened between Smithy and Nessa?

How's Neil, the baby?

Well, you'll just have to find out on the big day.

By Sam Hall

ABOVE from left to right: Robert Wilfort, Melanie Walters, Joanna Page, Mathew Horne, Rob Brydon, Larry Lamb, Alison Steadman and Ruth Jones at the press launch.

Members of the cast at Monday's event which was hosted by TV personality Rylan Clark-Neal.

A Q&A session with the cast will be published at a future date

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Commemorating 75 years since D-Day landings

REMEMBRANCE Day and the Poppy Appeal are, of course, an opportunity to remember all those have have lost their lives in conflict.

As a result of two World Wars, and so many other occasions when conflict has broken out, the numbers involved are simply too big to take in.

The GEM asked local historian, Dr Jonathan Hicks, to introduce a more personal element, looking at the stories of two local men who served in World War Two.

THIS year we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, yet the remainder of the campaign to seize control of Normandy and push the Germans back, a bloody struggle that continued until the end of August, is often overlooked.

This campaign, during which over 83,000 British, Canadian and Polish troops became casualties, of whom nearly 16,000 paid the ultimate price, saw many acts of heroism – some witnessed and some, no doubt, lost in the mists of time.

Here we pay tribute to two courageous Welsh soldiers.

Sapper Alec Close from Barry (*pictured right*)had joined the Royal Engineers earlier in the war. After training, he was posted to the 73rd Field Company. In the first months of 1944 they began their preparations for the part they were to play in the D-Day landings.

The German defences along the Normandy coast were known to be formidable, and Alec and his fellow engineers were tasked with clearing the way for the tanks and infantry of the British 50th Division. They were assigned to Gold Beach, the central of the five invasion beaches which covered a sector that lay between the small ports of Arromanches to the west and La Riviere to the east.

The village of Le Hamel sat in the middle of the sector. Opposing them were elements of the German 716 Division and 352 Division, including a mechanised unit at the nearby town of Bayeux which had been practising for a rapid counter-attack in the event of any beach landings. The Germans were dug into fortified houses along the coast, and in concrete bunkers and pill boxes.

The landing time was set for 0725 – one hour after the American landings at Utah and Omaha beaches, owing to the direction of the tide which meant that high water was one hour later on the British beach.

As it was, winds blew the sea water high up the beach onto the sea wall, leaving many of the obstacles the engineers were charged with destroying under water, and bringing the soldiers even closer to the intense German fire.

Alec's recommendation for the Military Medal describes his actions:

'On 6 June, 1944, Sapper Close was a member of a beach obstacle clearing party. His party landed close to Le Hamel sea wall at 0730 hours, and came under immediate intense fire from machine guns fired from strongpoints in the village.

Separated from his comrades, many of whom were wounded, he proceeded to destroy the metal and concrete obstacles alone. 'His great courage and initiative at this critical moment inspired confidence in his comrades. He carried out his work coolly and rapidly until joined by another party.'

Alec was awarded the Military Medal on October 19, but he did not live to receive it. He was killed in further fighting 10 days later on June 16, and is buried in Bayeux War Cemetery.

He was 24 years of age.

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We will remember them

TASKER Watkins was born in Nelson, Glamorgan in November 1918, and before the war he was a teacher in London.

He joined the army as a private in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry in 1939 and was commissioned into the Welch Regiment in May 1941.

As part of 53rd Division, he arrived in Normandy a few weeks after D-Day and took part in the Second Battle of the Odon and the Battle of the Falaise Gap, where German casualties were so numerous it was described as impossible to walk down one road without stepping on a body.

During this latter battle, on August 16 1944 Tasker was in command of a company of 1/5th Battalion of the Welch Regiment. It had been ordered to attack German positions near the railway at Bafour, some five miles west of Falaise.

The area was littered with 'bocage' – thick hedgerows with steep banks which divided one field from another. The open fields beyond were often booby-trapped. Tasker led his men through a hedgerow and was walking across one such field when German machine-gun fire opened up, as well as fire from an 88mm gun.

Heavy casualties ensued and Tasker was soon the only officer left unwounded. Armed with a Sten gun, he charged two enemy machine-gun posts and killed or wounded the occupants.

He then spotted an anti-tank gun manned by another German but at this critical juncture his Sten gun jammed. Throwing it at the German, he pulled out his pistol and shot him.

By now he had only 30 men left, but when they were counter-attacked by 50 more Germans he ordered a bayonet charge that drove the enemy back.

Orders were sent to him to withdraw but these were never received as his radio had been destroyed. By now the light was fading and darkness was approaching. The Germans were surrounding him and his men.

Tasker decided to lead his men back to their battalion but as he did so, they were challenged by an enemy post at close range. He ordered his men to scatter and charged the post with a Bren gun, silencing it.

He then succeeded in leading his men back to their own lines. For his immense courage that day he was awarded Britain's highest military honour – the Victoria Cross.

His citation read: 'On 16 August 1944 at Barfour, Normandy, France, Lieutenant Watkins' company came under murderous machine-gun fire while advancing through corn fields set with booby traps. The only officer left, Lieutenant Watkins led a bayonet charge with his 30 remaining men against 50 enemy infantry, practically wiping them out.

'Finally, at dusk, separated from the rest of the battalion, he ordered his men to scatter and after he had personally charged and silenced an enemy machine-gun post, he brought them back to safety. His superb leadership not only saved his men, but decisively influenced the course of the battle.'

I once interviewed a Barry veteran who had served with Tasker and was with him on the day he won his VC. When I asked him what he thought of his officer, he paused for a moment and then replied, "He was a mad, brave bugger."

Tasker Watkins is pictured (right) with his wife and child, after receiving his VC.

Alec Close and Tasker Watkins were two incredibly courageous men who were prepared to risk their own lives for their fellow soldiers.

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Find out where your nearest Remembrance Day service is taking place

Cowbridge with Llanblethian

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council would like to remind the communities of Cowbridge and surrounding villages of the Act of Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony, assembling at 10.45am outside the Town Hall at the War Memorial on Sunday, November 10.

Wreaths will be laid by a large number of local organisations as well as representatives of the British Legion and Armed Services immediately following a short service at the War Memorial. This will be followed by a Parade to the Holy Cross Church for an Ecumenical Act of Remembrance Service.

To facilitate the service and parade, a road closure will be in effect from 10.45am to 11.15pm and 12 noon to 12.30pm, from Eastgate junction with Druids Green, High Street to the Butts and Church Street.

The Town Council and Royal British Legion would like to encourage all members of the public to support the ceremony and the many youth organisations that participate in remembering the fallen.

A short service and Act of Remembrance, including a minute's silence to remember the fallen will also take place at the Cowbridge Town War Memorial starting at 10.55am on Monday, November 11. Anyone wishing to attend the Service should assemble at the Memorial by 10.50am.

Barry

BARRY Town Council, in partnership with the Royal British Legion will hold this year's Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday, November 10.

The parade will begin at King Square with the march stepping off at 10.20am, from Barry Town Hall along Holton Road, halting briefly at the Merchant Navy Monument at the Civic Offices and then continuing to the Cenotaph at the Memorial Hall for a service and a two-minute silence.

There will be many people marching and so there will be a rolling road closure. The parade is followed by a service of Remembrance at 10:45am outside the Cenotaph at Barry Memorial Hall. Father Ben Andrews will officiate and wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph; a two-minute silence will be held at 11am.

The indoor service will take place inside the Memorial Hall, and will finish approximately 12 noon. In the event of wet weather, the outdoor service will take place inside Barry Memorial Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend the parade and services, and can attend any or all parts of the event. Each year Barry Town Council and the Royal British Legion are thankful for the public support at this event, and hope that this support continues as we remember together those who gave up their today for our tomorrow.

We ask that people avoid parking along the route and particularly outside the Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, to allow the parade to progress safely. It is at the discretion of all organisations taking part whether they wish to march in wet conditions. For further details, call the Mayor's secretary, Mrs Webb on 01446 704921.

Porthcawl

THE Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl.

All townspeople, religious denominations and other organisations are invited to attend, especially those who can display a standard or flag.

The parade will form up at the Hillsboro car park at 9.30am, stepping off at 9.45am. Wreaths will be made available for those who wish to parade with them and the salute will be taken at the bandstand in John Street. The standards will parade at the war memorial at 11am for the sounding of the Last Post, prior to the laying of wreaths by organisations, as well as individuals.

On Monday, November 11 there will be a two minutes' silence with the Exhortation and Last Post at the bandstand in John Street, Porthcawl. Participants are asked to assemble at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.

All associations that have a wreath each year will automatically be included on the ordering list. Any new associations that require a wreath are requested to contact the Poppy Appeal organiser Vicky Lloyd on 01656 731156 without delay.

Lavernock

ON Sunday, November 10 at 3pm, the former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock will be the venue for a meditative Remembrance Service.

It will focus on The Unknown Warrior, and hymns, scripture readings, poems and a short address will reflect the theme.

The church will be decorated with the traditional poppies, and refreshments will follow with a chance for the congregation to chat.

Free parking is available to the left of Fort Road as one approaches the church. For further information, call 02920 701303.

Wenvoe

THE parish of Wenvoe and St Lythan's are holding a Service of Remembrance in St Mary's church at 10am followed by the Silence and Laying of Wreaths at the village war memorial at 11am.

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Major re-jig of health service planned as current set-up deemed 'not fit for purpose'

MAJOR changes are being planned in the way people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan access vital health services.

More details have been revealed about the future services in the region's main hospitals and health centres.

There are plans to replace University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff with a new hospital, which will focus on emergency and complex surgery: but there are also plans to change the way University Hospital Llandough operates with more specialist surgeries.

The health board is set to decide next month whether to move ear, nose and throat surgery to Llandough.

It's part of plans – outlined in the health board's Strategic Clinical Services Plan – to move as many services as possible from hospitals into people's homes or communities.

This is what could lie ahead in a big shake up of health services across Cardiff and the Vale:

New University Hospital of Wales

The new hospital would be a 24/7, 365-day a year facility for emergency and complex or specialist surgery.

The health board says "there will be immediate access to all essential diagnostic, critical care and specialist clinical services on a 24/7 basis for acutely unwell patients requiring an emergency admission or a complex, specialist or high risk elective procedure".

Services at the new hospital, which the health board hopes will open by 2030, would include the major trauma centre for south Wales, providing specialist care for the most life-threatening injuries.

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University Hospital Llandough

The health board says Llandough hospital would be for "ill but stable patients".

Its services would include: assessment/short-term intervention; daytime imaging services – such as X-ray, ultrasound, CT, MRI; pathology/diagnostic daytime services.

Routine endoscopy – screening, planned and follow up; emergency outpatient service for patients who become unwell and unstable and need a clinical assessment, diagnostic investigation, or short-term clinical intervention service which is not provided by community services.

Medicine/ mental health: inpatient and hospital-based mental health services as currently provided; services to support step-up and step-down care for patients not well enough to be cared for in the community, but who do not require immediate or 24/7 access to critical care or specialist clinical services or who require intensive specialist rehabilitation.

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Specialist services: specialist neuro- and spinal rehabilitation services will transfer in 2023, and cystic fibrosis care will be delivered from new purpose built facilities.

St David's Hospital

The health board says it wants to develop St David's Hospital "as a centre of excellence for rehabilitation, aimed at supporting people not quite ready to go home but who do not need to be in an acute hospital".

It says it's already set up an additional rehabilitation ward there.

Care at home

The health board wants more people to access care services at home – either through e-services on new digital platforms or through new community teams to help them remain independent at home.

Health and wellbeing centres

The health board is planning to open three health and wellbeing centres; first in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, then at Barry Hospital, and another in north west Cardiff. The centres would provide services such as: rapid assessment of patients with specific conditions to reduce the need for emergency admissions; a range of point-of-care testing services and plain film X-rays; outpatient services; community mental health teams and children's services, and a range of health and social care services tailored to meet the specific needs of the local area.

Wellbeing Hubs

A network of smaller health centres, named 'wellbeing hubs', is being planned in Maelfa, Ely and Penarth to open by the end of 2021.

Services would include: GP services, community midwifery, health visitors, primary mental health services and community children's services.

Why is the health board planning this?

The population of Cardiff and the Vale is growing – with the number of children in the area expected to grow by 20% by 2029.

There is also an increasing older population who need to support to manage one or a combination of chronic conditions, and the main causes for premature death in adults in the area are cancer and circulatory diseases, where people's unhealthy lifestyles are a significant contributing factor.

The health board believes: "It is clear that the current shape and way we provide services is not fit for purpose to meet the future demand.

"To meet the changing needs of our population we need to change how our services are provided. Where possible our services will be delivered predominantly in patients' homes or from facilities in the community.

"Our hospital-based services need to be reshaped to support the future healthcare service needs of our local, regional, and tertiary population within modern and fit-for-purpose infrastructure. The ambition for the two major acute hospital sites in Cardiff and Vale UHB is to clearly define their future roles in ensuring that patients are admitted for the shortest time, for the provision of care that can only be delivered in a hospital environment."

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Local democracy reporter

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There's a prime example of such a company in Cowbridge, where Sam Smith/Strachan Travel have been serving their local community for 20 years, operating from their three-storey premises.

Both companies are fully bonded (ATOL, ABTA and IATA) and have a wealth of knowledge to all destinations at very competitive prices.

They have been in Cowbridge for 20 years, but Sam Smith started in the travel industry in August 1965 as assistant manager of Powell Duffryn Travel in Cardiff. That company specialised in airline travel, as the package market was very much in its infancy.

In 1971, Sam joined Cambrian Air Holidays as sales and reservations manager as they moved into package holidays, which were operated by Cambrian Airways. Cambrian sold out to British Airways in 1975.

After the takeover, Sam Smith Travel started life in Cardiff, and grew to operate three branches, before selling the business to another group. However, Sam was smitten with the travel bug and decided to open as Sam Smith Travel in Cowbridge in the year 2000.

Jim Strachan has been involved in the travel industry for a few years longer – almost 60 years! Prior to establishing Strachan Sports Travel, he was the director of Travel City Sports for eight years and previously the managing director of John Cory Travel Ltd for 19 years.

During that time he has been involved with travel arrangements for numerous Commonwealth Games, Rugby World Cups, Six Nations, Wales tours and Cricket World Cups – plus being the official travel agent to the Welsh Rugby Union from 1969 to 1999, together with handling the Welsh regional teams since 2000. Other sporting clients range from athletics to weightlifting, including Disability Sport Wales.

In addition, he has served ABTA (the Association of British Travel Agents) in several capacities including chairman of the South Wales region. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Travel and Tourism. Jim's Sports Team is complemented by the experienced Angharad Griffiths and Emily Sanders on the second and third storey.

Sam Smith Travel is located in a prime position in the centre of Cowbridge – opposite the Duke of Wellington and adjacent to Watts & Morgan. Sam's team operate on the ground level in the High Street.

Earlier this year, the travel company Tui closed its Cowbridge branch, and this gave Sam Smith Travel the chance to add even more experience to the team.

Suzanne Cumpston and Melanie Barnett were recruited, and now work alongside Louisa O'Neill.

Suzanne, who has been appointed to sales and commercial manager, has three decades of travel experience and has travelled to many destinations, including: Asia, India, Scandinavia, Spain, USA, Canada, Maldives, Mauritius, Caribbean, Switzerland, France, Italy, the Middle East and South Africa. She has also visited 14 Greek Islands and is an expert in Boutique, Luxury (including first class flights), Long Haul, Honeymoons and Ski Holidays.

Melanie Barnett and Louisa O'Neill are senior Eexecutives with 40 years combined travel experience, with great experience in cruises, group travel, and family holidays.

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Wrap yourself in autumn colours at Samantha B

GONE are those lovely summer days where you could go out without thinking of a coat.

As the weather changes it's important to think of your outer garment. This season at Samantha b we have a fabulous selection of coats from light weight shower proof to luxurious faux fur and lovely quilted coats, jackets and gilets.

The colours are sensational too – gold, pink, purple, mustard and grey, something for everyone. The coat is the first thing that people see of you, so it's important to get it right as it will probably be the biggest investment of your winter wardrobe.

The new label Barbara Lebek is very well known for their outerwear, very feminine and beautifully designed. Marble have also launched a new outerwear range, a lovely jacket that also allows you to take the sleeves out to convert it to a gilet for the less cold days: how cool is that – two in one!

Samantha offers a wide choice of labels: Olsen, Bianca, Barbara Lebek, Adini, Capri, Marble, Great Plains – all of which offer a thoughtful, coordinated wardrobe solution which takes the sting out of choosing what to have.

Olsen never fails you. Take one of their gorgeous tops, add a fluffy gilet and a pair of trousers, et voila! ready for any invitation.

If you want to step it up a little, how about a feminine tux suit for that special party?

Bianca's palette this season is gorgeous: deep pine, mustard and plum always feminine with a little twist, faux suede topped with a sparkly top; watch out Christmas, here I come!

We have had a few ladies in looking for that little something for the party season: call in and have a look for yourself. We have held a lot of charity fashion shows this season, a big thank you to all the organisations that have invited me to present, we have helped raise funds for their chosen charities.

We have one more show on November 12 at 7.30 pm at St Bride's Church hall for the Mothers' Union; if you would like to attend this fun evening, call for details.

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Tŷ Hafan launches new appeal to fund major hospice refurbishment

TY Hafan, the children's charity and hospice in its 20th year of service, has launched a £1.5 million 'Fit For Future' appeal for major refurbishment, and has unveiled the plans for the renovation project, beginning in the New Year.

Focusing on making clinical adaptations to the hospice building in Sully, the plans involve upgrading the 10 care bedrooms, eight family bedrooms, living and social areas plus the installation of a wireless nurse call system and air conditioning in the children's bedrooms.

Tŷ Hafan's CEO, Rob Jones, explains: "It was a ground-breaking moment when Tŷ Hafan opened its doors 20 years ago in 1999. Being used 365 days a year and providing essential around-the-clock care to over 840 life-limited children and families in Wales, it's no surprise that the building needs refurbishment."

Rob Jones is a 'Tŷ Hafan dad' and has been visiting the hospice for eight years with his daughter, Poppy and uses his first-hand experience to help steer the charity.

"There have been significant advances in medicine and clinical technology over the last 20 years and we have worked tirelessly to stay on top of these changes, but the needs of the children and their families are becoming ever more complex," said Mr Jones.

"Life-limited children are living longer because of the expert care available to them, so we need to keep pace with the changing world of healthcare and refurbish our equipment, facilities and overall environment to meet demands and continue providing the best possible care."

Phase one is due to commence in January 2020, undertaken by contractors Knox and Wells, and will prioritise refurbishing the living spaces and bedrooms – creating a therapeutic, purpose-led environment throughout. Phase two, which will begin later in 2020, will focus on refurbishing other areas of the hospice like the 'transition hub' for service-users approaching graduation age (14-18) and the bathrooms throughout.

As well as providing a more bright and cheerful 'beach hut' theme throughout, architects CAPITA have paid particular attention to making essential clinical adaptations to the hospice. Key features include infection-controlled flooring, providing more space for nurses to prepare medicine for children and ensuring facilities are as accessible as possible for children with complex conditions.

Families cared for by Tŷ Hafan were also consulted in the planning stages: some of their views included giving the communal lounge and living areas a greater sense of privacy while retaining the approachable and welcoming aesthetic, and creating a more homely feel in the family bedrooms, all of which have been incorporated into the plans.

Tŷ Hafan has already had a head start in its fundraising thanks to charitable trusts, grants and the charity's annual ball which, collectively, has taken their current total to just over £500,000; but the appeal requires a further £1million to complete the refurbishment. With the hospice relying on charitable donations alone, Tŷ Hafan needed to launch 'Fit For Future', which has already garnered the support of Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones, a big advocate of the charity.

The appeal will run for six months, over Christmas and into the New Year to help fund the entire project. This is in addition to the £4.4 million the charity requires annually to continue providing the care to life-limited children and their families, at the hospice and out in the community.

Mr Jones explains: "The people of Wales came together to build Tŷ Hafan, the first children's hospice in Wales, back in 1999 and raised £1million without any government funding. We're asking people in Wales to come together again for Tŷ Hafan, 20 years later.

"Tŷ Hafan still doesn't receive any direct government funding, so any donation, no matter how big or small, will be crucial to help us futureproof the hospice and be ready for the next generation of life-limited children and their families in Wales."

For more information about Tŷ Hafan's appeal, to make a donation and to watch the full video explaining the refurbishment project featuring CEO Rob Jones, visit: www.tyhafan.org/fitforfuture.

Grow a beard – stop people dying of bowel cancer

GROW a beard this December to stop people dying of bowel cancer in Wales

Bowel Cancer UK is encouraging men across Wales to get sponsored to grow a beard this December.

Taking part in Decembeard is really simple. All you need to do is shave on 30 November and let your facial fuzz grow throughout the month. Already bearded? No problem. Dye, ditch or decorate your beard and join the campaign.

More than 2,200 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer in Wales each year, making it the country's fourth most common cancer. It's also the countries second biggest cancer killer, but it shouldn't as it's treatable and curable, especially if diagnosed early.

Michael Locke, Wales Fundraising Manager at Bowel Cancer UK, said: "Whether you already have a beard or are growing one for the first time, Decembeard is a great way to do something amazing this festive season and support those living with bowel cancer. The money you raise will help fund vital services and lifesaving research. It couldn't be easier to take part. Sign up, ditch your razor and get sponsored to grow a beard or get creative with the beard you already have. Join the campaign and help us stop people dying from bowel cancer."

Save lives this December – grow a beard and raise funds to support Bowel Cancer UK's vital services and lifesaving research: visit bowelcanceruk.org.uk/decembeard2019.

Bridgend's 'Just Drive' on a journey with Firestone!

A FOUR-piece Indie band from Bridgend called Just Drive is on a journey towards a music breakthrough with Firestone, after beating nearly 1,000 acts to make the final of the tyre brand's 'Road to the Main Stage' competition.

Just Drive – childhood friends Chris Bowen-Jones, Ryan David, James Orwin and Daniel Goodall – have been dreaming of giving up the day jobs, but their fate now lies in the general public's hands. People will vote on www.firestone.roadtothemainstage.co.uk between now and November 13.

A Firestone judging panel whittle 950 acts down to eight, along with TV and radio presenter Abbie McCarthy. The band is now one of eight acts left, and they have earned rave reviews already on BBC Radio Wales and written four singles which have generated a buzz, with four more in the pipeline.

Coincidently, they could be the third Bridgend act to win this competition in the last three years, following Fire Fences in 2017 and John Nicholas in 2018.

Abbie McCarthy said: ""With so much incredible unsigned talent out there, Road to the Main Stage represents an amazing opportunity for these bands and artists."

Just Drive's lead guitarist Chris Bowen-Jones said: "We have been playing for so many years now and have always wanted to see our name up in lights, which might just happen with Firestone."

To vote on Firestone's Road to the Main Stage and for more information, visit firestone.roadtothemainstage.co.uk.

What's on, and where?

The history of Gwalia Stores

LLANTRISANT Guildhall Public Lecture Programme welcomes Dr Beth Thomas to explain the fascinating story of the Gwalia Stores and its origins in Llantrisant on Thursday, November 7 at 7.30pm.

Gwalia Stores was originally built at Ogmore Vale in 1880 and is currently located at St Fagans National History Museum.

The stores were a family business, run by William Llewellyn and his family and by 1916 the departments included bakery, ironmongery, grocery, men's outfitters, pharmacy and animal feeds. Find out how his childhood experiences as the son of a shopkeeper led to his determination to succeed in business and become one of the richest men in the county.

Tickets £3 each, available in advance from info@llantrisantguildhall.co.uk. Contact 01443 449111 for further information.

Art Society

ON Thursday, November 7, there will be a demonstration of a still life in oils by Abergavenny artist and tutor Lee Wright at Cowbridge Art Society.

The society's annual Winter Exhibition will start on Monday, November 9 and the official opening takes place on Thursday, November 14.

The society meets in the Old Hall from 7pm-9pm on Thursday evenings for ten sessions each term. New members, painters, non painters and visitors are most welcome. Details of this term's programme are available in the foyer of the Old Hall, Cowbridge and full membership information is available at facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

History society's book launch

THE Ogmore Valley History Society is holding a 20th anniversary book launch this Saturday, November 9, at 11am in Ogmore Vale Primary School.

There will be songs from the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir, the Ogmore Valley Ladies Choir, and the Ogmore Valley Prize Silver Band.

Revive those old household helpers!

REPAIR Cafe Wales will be at Bethel Church Hall in Llantwit Major again on Saturday, November 9 from 10am to noon.

Volunteers will be at hand to look at your portable household items, to attempt to repair or provide recommendations, together with refreshments while you wait.

Last Tango... in Dinas

THE Dinas Powys Players present Mike Harding's play *Last Tango in Whitby* at the parish hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 14, 15 and 16 at 7.30pm.

Last Tango in Whitby was premiered at the Nottingham Playhouse in 2000 followed by a successful tour. Two years later the Dinas Powys Players presented the play. Recently widowed Pat's charabanc trip to Whitby with her assortment of friends is tinged with sadness but she is determined to enjoy herself.

Last Tango in Whitby is being directed by Eileen Carryer and features a strong cast of members new to the play, together with members who appeared in the 2002 production.

For tickets call 07592 583794 – 02920 512868; also available from The Village Stores and Valley View Fruit Store.

Poverty-busting Big Quiz Night returns

ON Saturday, November 16, groups and churches up and down the country will take part in the Big Quiz Night – a nationwide quiz for the international development charity, Tearfund.

Last year's Big Quiz Night was a great success with 500 venues and 23,000 people taking part. This year in Penarth, the quiz will be hosted at two venues – Tabernacle Baptist Church in Plassey Street or the upstairs hall at Trinity Methodist church, hosted by Eden Church.

Refreshments and a homemade curry are included.

Reserve a table for a team of six at penarthcurryquiz@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 13.

www.glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Events in your area

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Andrew Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose between 6pm and 7pm on Friday, November 8. No appointment necessary.

Valeways walks

ON Monday, November 11 at 11am, Penarth Parks, starting at the Penarth cliff top car park.

On Wednesday, November 13 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap.

Also on November 13 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain.

On Thursday, November 14 at 2.30pm, the Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet Penarth cliff top car park.

Highlight Park Cuppa

COME along and brighten up your day with some company and a cuppa.

We are open on Monday, November 11 from 2.30pm-3.30pm in the Highlight Park Community Centre; everyone is very welcome.

Community Cinema

THE next film at Dinas Powys Community Cinema is *Yesterday* (12A) on Saturday, November 9. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

After a bus accident during a global blackout, Jack Malik wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed.

Tickets (£4.50) on the door, from the DPVC office at the rear of Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys (CF64 4QQ) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Chatty Cafe

THE monthly Great Get Together Chatty Cafe opens again on the second Saturday of the month in its new home, Llantwit Major Library.

All are welcome 11.30am–12.30pm on Saturday, November 9 and December 14. Come along for a cuppa and a natter; volunteers welcome.

If you'd like to bake something to share, join us at 11.30am. For more information, head to the Library or see GreatGetTogetherLlantwit.

Bazaar in Barry

BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas bazaar on November 9 from 1pm until 4pm.

Entry is £1.50. We are situated in a cabin between Poundstretchers and the Waterfront medical centre. The funds raised go towards the Community Centre we will build on the site.

Penarth Computer Club

THE next meeting of the Computer Club is at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth, on November 12, when the topic will be Microsoft Office (free version).

The club offers advice on all types of devices; visitors welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch launch Safeguarding Week

THE week beginning November 11 has been designated 'National Safeguarding Week', when a series of events will be taking place across Cardiff and the Vale.

As part of the week's programme, the Safer Vale Partnership and the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association will be holding a meeting with the focus on the issue of domestic abuse.

It takes place on Thursday, November 14 at 6.30pm in the Civic Offices in Barry.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Safer Vale Partnership on 01446 450200 or safervale@south-wales.pnn.police.uk.

Hollie reigns supreme at County Stock Judging Day

Among other awards, Hollie Jones from Wick Young Farmers' Club recently won the under-16 Junior Stockman's Cup – the first time the Wick Club has won the accolade in more than 10 years.

THE Glamorgan County Finals of Young Farmers Stock Judging were held on October 19 at Pentwyn Farm in Skewen by permission of the Leyshon family.

With all seven clubs vying for the top spot, there was strong competition in all four categories of dairy, beef, lambs and pigs. The day was planned to perfection by county organiser Gwyneth Thomas and her team of officers; even the rugby fans were catered for with televised coverage of the Rugby World Cup quarter finals. Members were required to spend 15 minutes judging a ring of four animals before writing up their reasons and giving the judges their opinions within the two-minute time allocation.

Wick had a fantastic day with Lucy Robert placing joint second in the under-16 veterinary quiz, Sophie Price third in the under-21 pigs and Hollie Jones not only achieving first in both beef and lamb under-16 categories with a staggering 95% and 96% respectively, but she also won the coveted under-16 Junior Stockman's Cup. As a small club, we were delighted with Hollie's accolade, the first time in almost 10 years the cup has been won by Wick YFC; she also achieved two third places at the County Carcass Finals in both under-16 pork and lamb. At only 14 years of age, this is Hollie's fifth year as a member of Wick YFC.

With the excitement of the day over, members celebrated at the stock judging dance and they all enjoyed the evening with a few members rolling in just in time to start the next busy day on the farm. The YFC year is only just beginning, with the drama practices about to commence and the County Eisteddfod and County Quiz competitions looming; a busy few months lie ahead.

Why not take a look at our website www.wickyfc.com?

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Dog of the Week

JET is a six-year-old Patterdale Terrier, an independent lad who enjoys his walks and loves to explore new places.

He is Bridgend Dogs Trust's 'Dog of the Week'.

He is very bright and is always eager to learn, so training classes would be beneficial for him.

He is a sociable chap and will happily greet people and dogs when out and about. He would make a great family pet and can live with children aged 14 years old and above.

Canine carer Chelsey Gough said: "Jet is full of beans and has a real zest for life. He will be the ideal walking companion for owners who love the great outdoors."

For more information on Jet, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; give us call on 01656 725219, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Pictured above is Jet with his canine carer Chelsey Gough.

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The latest news from Ysgol Sant Baruc

Making links with schools abroad

BEFORE half term Mrs Scully and Mrs Edwards visited Tarsus in Turkey to start a new Erasmus project called 'How healthy are you?'

Schools from England, Spain, Turkey and Italy also attended to discuss the coordination of the project. Over the next two years the school will participate in activities that will encourage pupils to live a healthy life. All schools involved will visit Wales during June 2020 where the school will welcome pupils from Spain.

Thank you to class 4 for their recent Harvest assembly, which was presented to the whole school and parents .Thanks also to Mrs Incledon for presenting the school with a beautiful loaf of bread and to the families who donated food for the local foodbank. Gwenno Hughes from Barry Foodbank attended the school to accept the food that was collected. Barry Fire Service visited the school on October 9 to talk to classes 2 and 5 about fire safety. Class 2 discussed the importance of not playing with matches, and who to phone in a fire emergency. Class five learnt about fire safety and the importance of having smoke alarms installed in the home.

On October 4, year 4 pupils visited Cardiff Castle to participate in a Welsh Legends workshop based on the whole school topic of 'Wales'. The pupils also enjoyed a tour of the castle and learning about its history.

Barry Camera Club snap up prizes in competition

AT Barry Camera Club's meeting on October 4, the guest speaker for the night was Matthew Jones who gave a talk entitled 'My Journey', on the technique, equipment and preparation behind his images.

He is a keen user of High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography and showed examples of landscapes and waterfalls taken using the technique. The evening was well received by the members. On October 11, friend of the club Keith Sharples displayed print mounting techniques and showed a brief history of how print mounting has developed from early times through to the typical mounts of today. On October 18, Cardiff Camera club visited for the annual battle. The competition was split into two parts, prints and projected images, with each club showing ten of each, marked out of 20. Prints came first and Tina Haydon from Barry scored 20 for her 'Love In A Mist', a delicate portrait of a flower. In the first half, Cardiff scored 172 and Barry 175. Cardiff's digital images entries had two scoring 20 points,'Prince of Wales Bridge' and 'The Pose' and came away with a final score of 176 giving them a grand total of 348, with Barry three points behind on 345. The evening was helped along by a buffet which was enjoyed by all parties.

At the monthly competition, the entries were split into three groups: Colour Prints, Monochrome Prints and Projected Images. The judge was Peter Young, the current President of the Welsh Photographic Federation. He was very impressed by the standard of the images presented and emphasised how difficult it was to separate the prize winners. Congratulations to those who won prizes.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. Visit www.barrycameraclub.co.uk.

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Sky Notes look to the November heavens

IN November, the Milky Way is almost, but not quite overhead, writes Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society.

From a dark site, it can be traced rising from the western horizon, overhead and dropping down to the eastern horizon.

Towards the west, you can see the major constellations of summer slipping ever closer towards the horizon and it is a last chance to spot the summer triangle of Deneb, (Cygnus), Altair, (Aquila), and Vega, (Lyra).

Above your head, amongst the stars of the Milky Way, is Cassiopeia with its famous 'W' shape.

Below Cassiopeia, about half-way towards the southern horizon, is the great square of Pegasus.

If you are observing from a dark site, using the naked eye, count how many stars you can see within the confines of the square.

From the top left-hand corner of the square is Andromeda, and all you will need is a pair of binoculars to find the spiral Galaxy M31 (see last month's column for directions).

To the left of Cassiopeia is Perseus, and further down towards the eastern horizon, the signs of approaching winter herald the constellations of Taurus, Gemini, and mighty Orion.

All three will be vying for attention next month.

On the evening of November 15, watch the Moon occult a bright star in Gemini.

You will need binoculars to see it disappear as the Moon will be very bright; start to look from 9.45pm. Think of the Moon as a clock face and concentrate on the 10 o'clock position. The star will disappear at approximately 10pm and reappear at approximately 10.05pm near the 12 o'clock position.

The time between the start and end is very short. From some parts of the UK, no occultation will take place.

The same thing happens to another star in the early hours of November 16.

This time, watch the 9 o'clock position at approximately 1.15am and the 3 o'clock position at approximately 2.35am to see it reappear.

As the Moon has no atmosphere of its own, the stars will appear to snap out and reappear the same way in a split second, so once you see the Moon, get really close and don't look away, because if you blink, you'll miss it!

You can also use the Moon to catch sight of the planets.

On November 1, it lies between Jupiter and Saturn, then on the following evening it lies to the left of Saturn.

To view this, look early in the evening twilight.

Another special event takes place this month involving the Sun and a planet, but it will need special equipment, so keep an eye on our website for further details; *www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com.*

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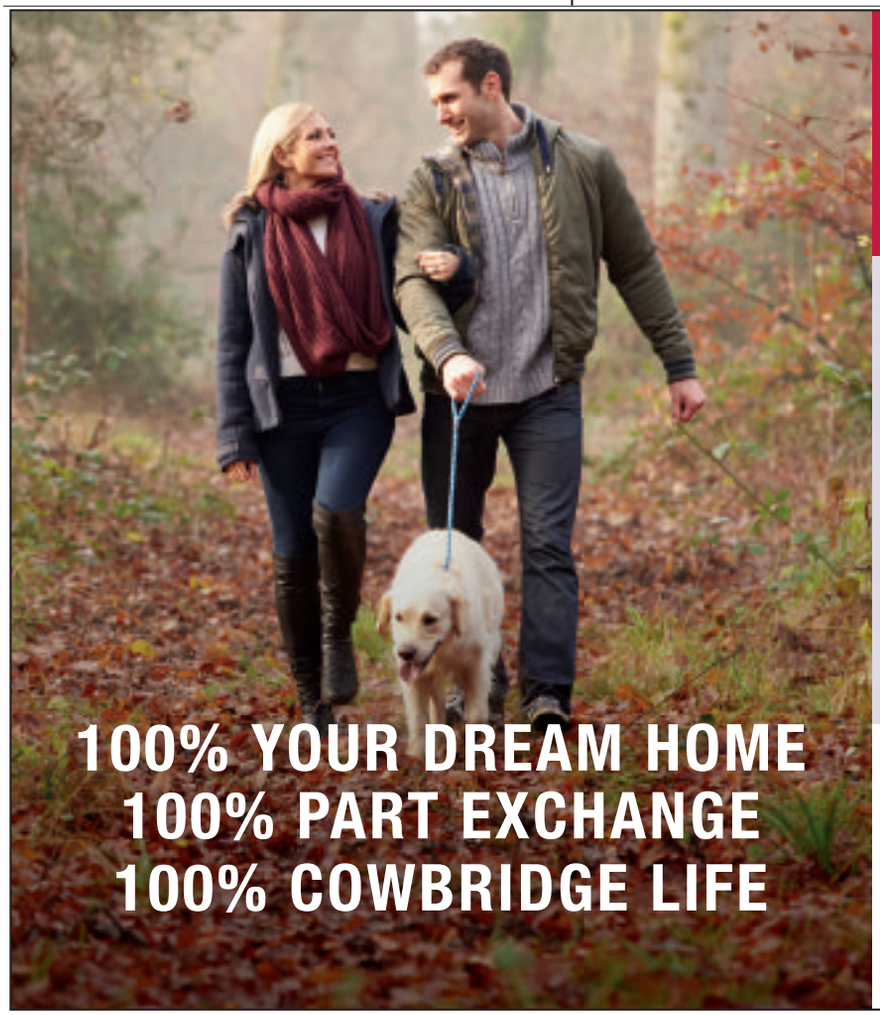
Barry Astronomical Society



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Garden birds at the Forum

THIS week's speaker was Anthony Walton from Tonyrefail, a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The illustrated talk was 'Birds in your Garden', and their habits. Birds such as jays will collect over 5,000 acorns and peanuts in the summer to survive the winter. Members watched a video of a crow retrieving food from a glass full of water by dropping pebbles in the water to raise the level, and subsequently the food.

Next week's speaker will be a representative from Llamau on the topic 'Homeless Women and Youths'. Further information from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455. The Forum meets at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry each Thursday at 9.45am; new members are always welcome.

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Barry Floral Society news

FOR members of the Barry Floral Society November means Christmas decorations.

On November 12, Linda Garratt of Abergavenny will inspire with her demonstration 'It's That Time of Year'. On November 26, members will be busy with their own designs and enjoying cake, chat and tea. Both meetings start at 2.15pm. On December 3, the society will welcome friends to its annual exhibition/coffee morning from 10.30am to 12pm, in aid of local charity, the donkey sanctuary at The Amelia Trust Farm in Barry. All events to be held at the St Nicholas Community Hall, Barry.

Airport's sunflower scheme for those needing extra help on their journey

CARDIFF Airport has joined the Sunflower Lanyard scheme, which gives customers the option of requesting additional support or special assistance at the airport.

A specially-designed lanyard, discreet pin badge or children's wristband will let airport staff know that the customer may require additional assistance or time going through the airport. Individual cards have also been created to identify specific hidden conditions, giving customers the choice to disclose a hidden disability should they wish. The Sunflower Lanyard scheme products can be requested, free of charge, in advance by contacting the special assistance desk at the airport, or picked up on the day of travel; call 01446 729329 or email PRMDesk@cwl.aero.

Cardiff Airport also offers familiarisation tours, where customers can arrange a convenient time or date to visit the airport, talk to the team and experience their journey to familiarise themselves with the surroundings before their journey; also arranged through the Special Assistance team.

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO said: "We are delighted to take part in what is a globally recognised scheme. Our customers are at the heart of everything we do."

For further information, visit www.cardiff-airport.com/special-assistance/.

Welsh Agriculture takes aim at 'unbalanced coverage' of meat-free lifestyles

A BODY representing Welsh lamb, beef and pork producers has called for a more balanced debate around the issue of diet choices in the media.

Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) – has emphasised that consumers can make more informed choices on how to reduce their carbon footprint by being aware of how and where their food is produced, rather than cutting whole groups of food from their diet.

The red meat body pointed to research which shows that meat reared in non-intensive production systems such as those in Wales are far more sustainable options than often-cited global averages would suggest.

"We respect the fact that people make their own dietary decisions for a range of personal reasons," said HCC's chief executive Gwyn Howells.

"However, it's vital that the media doesn't distort the debate, and helps people to make informed choices."

He added: "According to an opinion poll commissioned for HCC earlier this year, on average the UK public now think that 16.6% of the population is vegan, following the huge coverage given to diets free of meat and dairy. However the real figure is much lower, with the Vegan Society saying that just 1.16% of UK adults don't eat animal products."

Mr Howells emphasised the huge differences in meat production systems across the world, and criticised the use of global averages to describe the environmental impact of livestock.

"Unfortunately, leading broadcasters have promoted online 'carbon calculators' which claim to measure the impact of your diet on the planet, without making any allowance for where you source your meat.

"Welsh lamb and beef is overwhelmingly reared in non-intensive ways and fed on natural grass. It's a world away from systems abroad which often have a much more destructive environmental impact.

"In terms of water resources, for instance, the media and campaign groups sometimes say that it takes 15,000 litres to produce a kilo of beef, whereas research into sustainable grass-based production systems say the figure can be as little as 221 litres, which is lower than many plant-based foods."

To counter misleading coverage, HCC is featuring the authentic voices of Welsh farmers in its marketing campaigns – many of whom are employing world-leading practices to capture carbon in their soils and reduce inputs such as fertilisers.

Gwyn Howells said: "Consumers should look at the reality of the situation. They can be confident in enjoying sustainable and nutritious lamb and beef reared in Wales."

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Family Notices

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Noel John

On 31st October 2019, aged 92 years, loving husband to Jo, loving father grandfather and great-grandfather.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road Barry, on Friday, 8th November at 5pm.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to The R.N.L.I at the service.

HAWKER
Eini Helina

Passed away peacefully on 26th October 2019, aged 90, at Llandough Hospital. Cherished and adored wife to Ernest. Loving mum to Julia, Helen, Micky, Billy and Annabell. Adored nan to her many grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Beloved mother-in-law to Gordon, Josephine and Calvin. Loved sister to Sanni.

Eini will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Thursday, 14th November at 11am at our Chapel of Rest, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

NICHOLAS
Phyllis (*née* Ladd)

Passed away peacefully on 5th November 2019. Beloved wife of Bill, daughter of the late Harry and Blodwen, sister to the late Mary, Devoted mother to Judith, Elizabeth and John and an adored grandmother and great-grandmother.

A celebration of Phyllis's life will take place on Monday, 11th November 2019 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Penllyn, Cowbridge, CF71 7RQ at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff Natural Burial Meadow, Coedarhydyglyn Park, St Nicholas, Cardiff, CF5 6SF at 12.30pm.

No flowers please, but donations would be welcomed for St. John the Evangelist Church online at www.p-nicholas.muchloved.com or via the funeral director.

All enquiries to Parkman Funeral Home, 19, Camms Corner, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QY. Tel: 02922 362101.

PARSONS
Derek Melvon

Passed away peacefully on 24th October 2019, at University Hospital of Wales. Cherished and adored husband to Barbara. Loving dad to Suzanne and Lorraine. Adored grandad to Samuel, Bethan, Lewis and Joseph and great-grandad to Mali. Beloved father-in-law to David and James. Loved brother to Jacqueline and the late Colin.

Derek will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 18th November at 1pm at Saint Curigs Church, Porthkerry, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers may be made to Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

HARVEY
Bonny

Passed away on 27th October 2019.

Funeral service to be held at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 14th November at 11.15am, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family Flowers only.

Further enquiries please contact Lyndsay Ellis @ TheVale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

PECK
Edward James

Peacefully on 26th October, Ted of Pendoylan Close, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Marianne, loving father of Dominic and Karen, much loved grampy of Sarah, Teresa and Bradley and a dear brother of Ron.

Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Wednesday, 13th November, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am then afterwards to Brynhill Golf Club.

Flowers and enquiries to W.H Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

THOMAS
Gail (*née* Eynon)

Passed away peacefully at Holme Tower on 26th October, 2019, aged 60 years. Beloved wife to Bryan, Loving mother and grandmother. Gail was a cherished sister and aunty who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, 12th November at 1pm, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations greatly received in favour of Marie Curie Hospice at the service.

ROBINSON
Eileen J

(of Richard Street, Barry)
06/03/1927 - 26/10/2019 (92 years old)

Beloved Widow of Ron (Robbie Robinson), much loved mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother (Nanny Leen), aunt and great aunt and friend to many.

A celebration of the life of Eileen will take place on Monday, 11th November at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Bright clothes to be worn please.

Family flowers only.

REECE
Trevor Edward

Passed away suddenly at home on 27th October 2019, aged 59 years. Trevor will be dearly missed by his wife Janet and their sons Joseph, David and Matthew, as well as family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown, Llantwit Major until the service and committal on 13th November 2019 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers, to be made to The Royal British Legion.

Family Notices

PINFOLD
June (*née* Wright)

(Formerly of Barry Road, Barry)

Passed away peacefully in Shell Cove, Australia on 1st November 2019, aged 86 years. Loving sister to Colin and sister-in-law to Ann.

BLACK
Mary Elizabeth (*née* Luen)

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home on 26th October 2019, aged 91 years. Devoted wife of the late Alex, loving mother to Catherine, Mary and Alison, mother-in-law to Ron and Andrew, grandmother to Rhian and Sion.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at All Saints Church, Barry, on Wednesday, 13th November at 3pm.

No flowers, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The British Heart Foundation at the service.

EDWARDS
Alan Thomas

Passed away peacefully on 17th October 2019, aged 80, at the University Hospital of Wales. A friend to many.

Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G.Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 11th November at 10am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

BOWRING
Yvonne Cecilia

Yvonne died peacefully at home in the company of her loving family on 24th October 2019, aged 81 years. Loved wife of the late Roy. Loving mum to Karl and Kim. Adored grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service at 11am on Friday, 15th November at Coychurch Crematorium.

Please respect family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, may be sent to Wales Air Ambulance, Ty Elusen, Ffordd Angel, Llanelli Gate, Llanelli, SA14 8LQ or c/o the funeral director.

SWARTS
Elaine Mary

Passed away peacefully on 27th October 2019 at home. Cherished and adored wife to Vernon. Loving mum to Derrin, Mark and Claire. Adored nan to Cally and Stevie and great-nan to Jordan.

Elaine will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Monday, 11th November at 12 noon at our Chapel of Rest, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers, in memory of Elaine, would be gratefully received by Dementia UK.

GRIFFITHS
Mair (*née* Walters)

Formally of Neath Abbey, local primary school teacher and nursery school pioneer, the first in Llantwit Major.

Peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on 29th October 2019, Mair, loved wife of the late Jim and adored mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and mother-in-law.

She was always at the heart of her family and will be greatly missed.

Service at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm on 18th November 2019. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan & Latch will be greatly received

Those unable to attend the service will be welcome to join us at the West House Hotel, Llantwit Major for refreshments after the service.

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Acknowledgements

HOWELLS
John Llewelyn

Monica and family would like thank all friends and neighbours, for their lovely cards and attendance at John's funeral service, thank you also, for all donations received in John's memory.

John is now at peace, we will all miss him very much, with all our love xxx

Birthday Memories

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CONIBEAR
Alice

12th November

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Love Mags *xxx*

BIRTHDAY MEMORIUM
COLES
Martyn

7th November

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Love Mum, Dad, family & friends *xxx*

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Patricia

06-08-1946 - 04-11-2017

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Birthdays

Happy 1st Birthday

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ATODLEN 2

Cyfyngiad cyflymder 40mya arfaethedig (I'w nodi ar Fap Cyf AS57, AS58, AR58, AQ58, AP58)

A4055 (rhan) – Heol Caerdydd, Dinas Powys
(Rhwng Green Lane a'r Gylchfan sy'n gwasanaethu'r A4231 a'r B4267 a elwir hefyd cylchfan Biglis)
O ochr orllewinol Cylchfan Biglis o'r gyffordd â Heol Caerdydd, Y Barri (yn gyfagos â chyfyngiad cyflymder 40mya presennol Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig Cyf 515) gan gynnwys y System Gylchu i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 1150 metr sy'n cysylltu â'r cyfyngiad 30mya presennol wrth ddod i mewn i Dinas Powys.

Dyddiedig 7 Tachwedd 2019.
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô.
CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (B4055 CARDIFF ROAD (PART), DINAS POWYS) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2019

1. On the 5th November 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1,2 & 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.
2. The Order will come into operation on the 11th November 2019 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (B4055 Cardiff Road (Part) Dinas Powys) (40 MPH Speed Restriction) Order 2019. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 11th November 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 40 miles per hour in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed 40mph speed limit (Insert in Map Ref AS57, AS58, AR58, AQ58, AP58)

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Dated this 7th day of November 2019.
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe.
CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

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Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01151/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Listed Building Consent for the inclusion of secondary windows behind (internally) the existing windows
Location:/Lleoliad: Tinkins Hall, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01174/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: The reconstruction of the stone boundary wall with a traditional stone wall of a lower height, on the line of the original wall, to allow the provision of safe, readily accessible car parking within the curtilage of the dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Navron, Boverton Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2019/01154/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use of former stables to equine clinic (lameness and stomach disorders), equine rug wash company, dog grooming parlour and dog and equine wholesale store, cattery
Location:/Lleoliad: Pantwilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthin

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**
Dated / Dyddiedig: 7 November, 2019
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Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry.
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ROMA JEAN HENSHAW (Deceased)

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J A HUGHES SOLICITORS
Centenary House
King Square Barry
Vale of Glamorgan CF62 8HB
T570044

SYLVIA AUDREY ARCHER (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 23 Fontygary Road, Rhoose CF62 3DR, who died on 25/08/2019, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 15/01/2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

David & Snape Solicitors,
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Ref: EP-ARCHER

SMALL ADS BIG RESULTS!

Club's captain leaves on a high

THE Ladies of Penarth Bowling topped a good 2019 summer season by winning the GCWBA afternoon league.

Winning 12 of the 14 games they amassed an impressive total of 98 points to take the league title. The photo shows outgoing Captain Chris Davies on the right admiring the trophy with incoming Captain Joan Lewis.

No doubt Joan will endeavour to emulate this victory in 2020.

The Ladies of Rectory Road can also be well pleased with their second place position in the evening league, losing out by the narrowest of margins.

The 2020 season promises well for Joan and her squad.

Latest from Barry and District Club sports

Crib division 1

Rhoose Social 7, West End 8; Liberals 9, Wyndham Cons 6; Romilly Railway 8, Cadoxton Cons 7.

Points: Romilly Railway 68, West End 62, Cadoxton Cons 57, Liberals 57, Rhoose Social 56, Wyndham Cons 53, Moors Boys 52.

Skittles division 1

Sea View Exiles 6, Allsorts 1; Barries Boys 5, Rhoose Social B 2; Barry Town Fc 6,Liberals A 1; Liberals C 7, Slammers 0; Rugby Club 7, Cambrian Flyers 0; West End D 6, Rhoose Social A 1; King William XII 5, Rhoosters 2.

Points: West End D 44.5, Sea View Exiles 40.0, Rhoose Social A 38.0,Rugby Club 31.5, Barry Town Fc 31.0, King William XII 30.0, Liberals C 27.0, Rhoose Social C25.5, Rhoosters 24.5, West End C 24.5, Allsorts 23.0, Slammers 22.0, Barries Boys 21.5, Rhoose Social B 21.5,Cambrian Flyers 19.0, Liberals A 10.5.

Snooker division 1

Wyndham Cons A 4, Liberators 1; Cadoxton Cons B 4, Rhoose Social B 1; Rhoose Social C 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Penarth Cons A 2, Penarth Cons B 3; Savoy B 2, Harbour B 3.

Points: Savoy B 28, Harbour B 25, Penarth Cons A 24, West End C24, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Cadoxton Cons B 21, Wyndham Cons A 18, Rhoose Social B 14, Rhoose Social C 13, Penarth Cons B 11, *Liberators 4.

Snooker division 2

Services Social B 2, Savoy C 3; West End A 2, West End B 3; Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Wyndham Cons D 1, Market Street B 4; Market Street C 5, Sully Sports A 0.

Points: Savoy C 28, Market Street C 26, Market Street A 24, Services Social B23, West End A 21, Wyndham Cons D 21.

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When you could post a letter in Barry at 8am and get a reply the same day!

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen has always been fascinated by the infrastructure and logistical problems that were encountered during the period 1884 to 1905, when Barry grew from a small village to a large town, driven by the construction of Barry Docks. In this extract, he looks at communication, through Post Offices, Telegraph and Telephones:

THE 'Barry Dock Bill' was finally given Royal Assent in August 1884 and the leading colliery owners of the Rhondda, Ogmore and Llynfi Valleys could now begin their ambitious project.

Just three months later, Chairman Lord Windsor cut the first sod to signal that work on the Docks could begin. Illustrious contractor TA Walker, brought 3,000 navvies to work day and night on this enormous task, which would affect the lives of people in Cadoxton, Merthyr Dovan and East Barry.

At the same time, construction began on the railway main line between Cadoxton and Trehafod, giving the company another route to transport their steam coal, for shipping all over the world.

The first Medical Officer of Health, Dr. George Neale LRCP(Edin), LRCS(Edin), recorded how the population had grown in just four years, from 500 to 10,000 by January 1889. When the Docks opened in July, seamen from all over the world added to that number.

1890 was the 50th anniversary of the introduction of 'Penny Postage' and it was still possible to send a 1oz letter anywhere in the country for 1d, with a 4oz costing 2d.

Prior to the Docks being built, James Evans ran a shop and post office from 'Hillside House' near the 'King William the Fourth' inn at Cadoxton. James and wife Maria had been grocers there for more than 30 years, but the first 'listing' as a post office was in the 1881 census, then just 10 years later they were only recorded as grocers, probably due to the new PO in Vere Street.

Joshua Barstow, a close neighbour at Hebble House, would later assert that the old village PO had been removed "with great stealth and no prior warning".

Letter writing was the only way for ordinary people to communicate with friends and families and post offices soon appeared in Cadoxton, Holton, Barry Dock and East Barry. With no salary, just income by way of commission, it was vital to sell other things.

The Barry Dock News reported how Cardiff PO were reluctant to allow enough offices, but over the next few years the increasing population demanded progress.

Widow Agnes Long had been postmistress at 47 Vere Street for four years and in the 1891 census, Walter Taylor was the young postman. Albert John Went, aged 14, was also registered to carry and deliver letters and parcels. Agnes died two years later after a long illness, but Levi Molineux had been advertising his PO in Vere Street since November 1889, as well as a new branch in Holton Road.

Listed in the census next to the Victoria Hotel, it served the Glebeland and Williams' Field area 7am-8pm weekdays and 7.30am-10.30am on Sundays. Levi was a shoe merchant and official receiver for the PO, before resigning in July 1893 to be replaced by stationer George James Hutchins. Five years later this PO was renamed 'Holton, Barry' and was likely at either No 35 or 39.

East Barry had a PO at 105 High Street from 1889 and the census listed Frederick C Milner as postmaster, remaining there for at least 20 years.

In October 1890, the new branch PO in Dock View Road opened from 7am-8pm weekdays and 7.30-10.30am on Sundays. Close to the dock entrance, it offered money orders, savings bank and a telegraph/telephone exchange for businesses. Two years later it was extended into the next door premises of the National Provincial Bank.

Vale Street PO opened at No 2 in November 1892, just off Park Crescent. John Davies and wife Ann, traded from 8am-8pm on weekdays with the post-box emptied seven times a day.

Money orders, savings bank, parcel post, insurance and annuities were available, as well as groceries.

After Ann's death in 1909, John relocated to 12 Park Crescent then later to 13, before it crossed the road to No 113, where it remained until its demise some years ago.

Pyke Street PO opened in May 1893 at the stationer's shop of David Jones, on the corner of Holton Road. Three years later it moved to new premises opposite, either No. 222 or 230 Holton Road, with David Jones still postmaster.

Barry Island PO opened in 1898 with postmaster E Richards, a stationer in Main Street. No address could be found, but attempts were made several years later, to have a pillar box at the Triangle - all turned down because of the low population.

Barry Road PO opened in 1900 at 3 Barry Road, with Walter Townsend as newsagent/postmaster. Within two years he relinquished the position and Henry Burbidge took over at 50 Barry Road, on the corner of Chesterfield Street.

In September 1889, London Postal Headquarters announced that letters addressed to 'Barry Dock Town, Cadoxton' would be sent to Cadoxton but 'Barry Dock Town' would go to Barry.

The previous month, Cardiff Post wanted mail to be addressed 'Cadoxton near Cardiff', while traders preferred 'Cadoxton Juxta Barry'.

Was it any wonder confusion existed and mail could be delayed?

An impatient reader of the Barry Dock News complained because there was only one daily collection, while another was disgusted that Cadoxton and Barry were totally closed to post from 6pm Saturday to 8am Monday.

The service soon improved, with three daily deliveries and collections. Mail posted at Cadoxton before 10.30am would be delivered to Birmingham the same day and soon letters would go by night mail direct to the North, Scotland and Ireland.

Mail from the North would be due in Cardiff by 5.20am and in Barry by 5.50am, in time for the first morning delivery. Barry Railway could by now carry small parcels.

Many seamen would often arrive and leave on the weekend, expecting to receive letters from home, with sufficient time to send their replies. Intense debate about a 'Sunday Post' took place, to satisfy the needs of sailors yet preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath. Finally in February 1891, it was announced that Barry and Cadoxton would receive one delivery and collection on Sundays, with mail coming by road from Cardiff, there being no trains.

District Postmaster George Fardo unveiled major changes later that year, by upgrading Barry Dock from a branch to the 'Central Post Office'.

All letters from East Barry, Holton and Cadoxton would go there to be sorted, then forwarded to ships. House-to-house deliveries were extended to farms further-out like Brynhill and Greenyard.

Extra postmen would make collections at 5.15am, 8.20am, 1.15pm and 4.15pm, with deliveries from Barry Dock at 7am, 9.30am, 2pm and 5pm. This meant, for example, that a local letter posted before 8.20am could be delivered after 9.30am and a reply posted before 1.15pm would then be received after 2pm.

Wall boxes down the Vale were located at East Aberthaw, Rhoose and Porthkerry, with pillar boxes in Travis Street emptied 11 times daily, Princes Street 8 daily and 5 times at the Parade.

The Postmaster General had announced plans to erect an 'impressive and commodious' Central PO on the corner of Thompson Street/Dock View Road, as early as 1896.

Two years later, it moved from its 'present bungalow' to new temporary premises in Dock View Road and over Christmas 1903, they dealt with 300,000 letters and 7-8,000 parcels.

Possibly to pacify an impatient public and overworked staff, the sketch (pictured) of the proposed grand new structure was placed in the Barry Dock News in October of that year. When it finally opened in March 1905, as well as the sorting office, public rooms, telegraph and telephone, there were separate rooms for postmen, male/female clerks and messengers, with a locker, cooking range and lavatory in each one.

Provision was made for a lift from the basement to the top storey and at the rear was a large cycle shed and access for mail carts.

Postmaster JE Price and all his staff, fully appreciated this new building during their first Christmas.

In those early years, daily life meant having to cope with streets filled with different house-builders, gangs of men laying pipes for water and sewerage, horses and carts in and out on a daily basis and the weather.

Rain did not run away into drains, just turned into mud and flooding. Many new residents were too occupied with finding somewhere to live, work and feed their families to read of the wonders of technology, which would soon be available in their new surroundings.

The 'telegraph' had been in existence for many years and was a major turning point in the history of communication. Messages were transmitted in 'Morse Code' via electricity signals conveyed along wires between stations, either overland or submarine.

Contact could now be made when fighting wars or conducting business and money could even be 'wired' over great distances.

In 1851 a telegraph cable was laid under the English Channel to France, allowing contact with Paris. Then 15 years later after several failed attempts, the

'SS Great Eastern', designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the largest ship ever built successfully laid a cable across the Atlantic.

Telegrams could be received locally in 1889, but could not be sent as there was no telegraph office in the district.

In October, it was reported that an office would soon open in part of the 'Board of Trade Offices' near the station in Dock View Road. Postmistress Miss Dickson supervised a structural upgrade at Cadoxton Post and Telegraph Office in January 1892.

Two years later, both Pyke Street and Holton were refused permission to be telegraph offices and Cadoxton were still unable to offer a telephone service.

Meanwhile, Guglielmo Marconi had been conducting experiments of his own and in May 1897 sent the first 'morse code' message across open water from Flat Holm to Lavernock Beach. Conveyed by radio waves and known as 'wireless', he would send the first radio signal across the Atlantic just four years later and one of his operators would later send the message which saved 700 passengers on the sinking Titanic.

Graham Alexander Bell and others had been experimenting in the USA with 'audio' messages, before finally being granted a patent for a telephone in 1876. Within two years, Bell had demonstrated his telephone to the British Government and also to Queen Victoria on the Isle of Wight.

The first long distance calls were made along wires to London, Cowes and Southampton.

Three years later, selected telegraph exchanges were being converted for telephones, with some dispute whether Swansea was the first or Newport and Cardiff. In 1886, Bristol installed a small wooden hut, where a 3 minute call would cost 2p.

Later called kiosks, some were 'penny-in-the-slot' while others had an attendant collecting the money.

Then in October 1890, the Barry Dock Branch PO announced telegraph and telephone access for businesses. Two years later, engineers Laurie & John advertised their own telephone: 'Tel 2' and butcher EJ Poole had 'Tel 8' at Holton. Surprisingly for one of the town's most progressive entrepreneurs, a press report told how the chairman of the Local Board John Meggitt, was unimpressed by the "large number of unsightly telegraph/telephone poles along the streets".

The first submarine cable was laid by HMTS Monarch from England to France, allowing a telephone call from London to Paris in April 1891.

In July four years later, the Post Office telephone system opened to the public, allowing contact to many UK cities. People could ring Swansea for 6d, Liverpool, London and Plymouth for 2s, Leeds 2s.6d, Newcastle 3s.6d, Edinburgh 4s.6d, Belfast 6s and Dublin 7s.6d, with 37 other cities similarly priced.

On July 7, 1927, the first official transatlantic telephone conversation took place between WS Gifford, President of America's AT&T and Sir Evelyn Murray, Head of British GPO. Over 3,000 miles between New York and London, it signalled another major step forward in the spoken word.

Transmitted by long-wave radio waves, signals were often weak and very expensive: initially £15 for 3 minutes, reduced to £9 a year later.

Engineers in the 1920s had been able to send signals over cables for great distances, which gave much better telephone reception.

However, there were major technical challenges underwater and it would not be until 1956 that better quality and cheaper calls could be made via cable to America.

Pencoed Phoenix battle hard at Pontyclun - and quintet make their international RL debut

PENCOED Phoenix travelled to Pontyclun Falcons for a National Premiership match which was a tremendous advertisement for senior ladies rugby, with both sides giving their absolute all from the first minute to the last, displaying admirable skills along the way.

The opening half was evenly fought in terms of possession and territory, with Phoenix matching their far more seasoned premiership opponents.

On the balance of play, they could regard themselves a little unfortunate to be 19–5 adrift at the interval, the cutting edge of the home side in attack the only difference between the sides.

Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell scored the Phoenix try with what is fast becoming a trademark interception – racing clear from 35 metres out.

With play to and fro during the third quarter it was the clinical finishing of the home side which saw them stretch their lead with three tries through Charlotte Mundy, their industrious flanker (No7) and dual code international Rafiuke Taylor, who grabbed her second try.

Phoenix however, were competing for every scrap of possession and despite the somewhat distorted scoreline (the accurate boot of Megan Otten was partly responsible for this with her five conversions) Phoenix continued to take the game to the Falcons.

Phoenix were finishing the match strongly and following sustained pressure in the home 22, Laura Keeble raced over wide out.

In the final minute, Phoenix scored another deserved score through the efforts of their pack who pounded the Falcons' line, skipper Katie Murphy held inches short before Amy Stevens drove over under a mass of bodies for the grounding.

This Phoenix performance, considering the quality of the opposition, was undoubtedly their best since their introduction into the National Premiership and with a little more fine tuning, plus developing younger players within the Phoenix structure, who knows what lies ahead?

Phoenix under-15s met Llantwit Fardre on the day and ran out comprehensive winners by 50–5, scoring eight tries in the process. Remarkably, Emily Lockyer sped away for six of those! Chloe Ghantt and Hannah Marshall got a try each with skipper Marshall adding five conversions.

Phoenix Players' rugby league debut

FIVE Phoenix players made their debut for Wales at rugby league, at The Gnoll in what was also the debut for the Wales women's rugby league side against England.

The five Phoenix players, Lauren Aitkens, Leanne Burnell, Laura Keeble, Emily Hughes and Rebecca Llewellyn-Ennis, also turn out for the Cardiff Blue Dragons.

In fact, Emily Hughes had the distinction of scoring the first Welsh international rugby league try!

Although the more experienced English team eventually won by 30– 6, the Welsh team showed great promise, leading by 6–4 at half time.

ABOVE: Lauren Aitkens, Leanne Burnell, Laura Keeble, Emily Hughes and Rebecca Llewellyn-Ennis making their Wales debut in rugby league.

All of the photographs were taken by Julie Hancock.

ABOVE: Laura Keeble scored Phoenix's second try

BELOW: Emily Hughes on the charge at Pontyclun

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16 16 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 6dr Estate, sat nav, chilli + tlc pack, 33k, black, half-leather **£10795**

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16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, white **£15495**

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17 67 VOLVO V40 2.0 T3 (152) R-Design Pro 5dr, Volvo warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 18k, silver **£12995**

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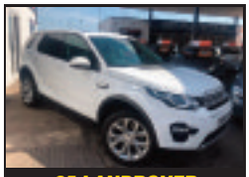

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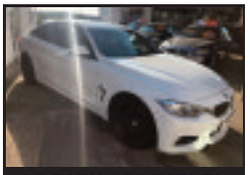

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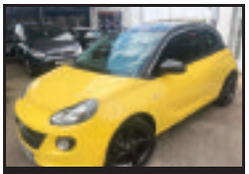

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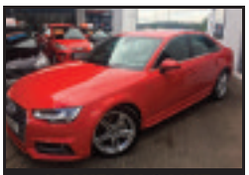

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Barry and District Men's Skittles

Division 1: Park Lads 279 (I Tweddle, G Sullivan 32), Bunker Boys 279 (C Jennings, S Jeynes 27); Merrymen 312 (S Jones 34), Geest 276 (P Hunt, R Finlay 27); Billy Whizz 296 (S Coombs 30), British Rail 256 (J Dakin 27); Blue Monkey 283 (R Fox 28), Willie Wombles 269 (J Cauldwell, J Norris 27); Cavaliers 269 (M Ryan, G Stephenson 26), Sea View 268 (A Chick 30); 49ers 294 (G Yarr 30), Posties 293 (M Gallimore 29).

Points: 49ers 16, Merrymen 14, Billy Whizz 12, Blue Monkey 10, Cavaliers 10, Willie Wombles 10, Bunker Boys 5, Park Lads 5, British Rail 4, Sea View 4, Posties 2, Geest 2.

Division 2: Park Rangers 236 (S Dite 26), Castle Boys 233 (S Harding, J Adams 25); Tynny Lads 280 (M Perry 29), Mighty Dockers 268 (L Romans, D Morgan 28); Cannon Balls 295 (D Pike 30), Witchill Poachers 273 (C Copp 29); Barry Park B 259 (N Stephenson 32), KP Rejects 267 (J Barrett 29); Hairy Lemons 272 (R Ryles 29), Colcot Boys 258 (B Sullivan 28); Exiles 254 (A Collins 26), H Bells 283 (T Cole, C White 28).

Points: Tynny Lads 14, Cannon Balls 12, Mighty Dockers 12, H Bells 10, Colcot Boys 10, KP Rejects 10, Park Rangers 7, Hairy Lemons 6, Witchill Poachers 4, Barry Park B 4,Castle Boys 3, Exiles 2.

Division 3: Billy Flyers 287 (G Hobbs 27), BP Breakaways 276 (Jack Rees 30); Witchill Nomads 321 (T Richards 33), Ex Servicemen 333 (D Stevens, R Harrington 35); Abercrete 268 (R Mears 26), Royalists 278 (G Evans 30); CUD 248 (B Jones 26), Alternatives 250 (M Anthony 28).

Points: Alternatives 10, Royalists 10, Ex Servicemen 10, Billy Bluebirds 10, Billy Flyers 8, BP Breakaways 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, CUD 3, Witchill Nomads 1, Abercrete 0. View all results and league tables at *www.barryleagues.co.uk*.

JW

Big win for Barry Chess Club Quarks

THERE were two games scheduled in Division 3 for the Barry Chess Club this week.

The Quarks were away at Bridgend B and the Gambits made the shorter trip to Cardiff to play the Dragons. At the time of writing, the Dragons/Gambits result is still awaited.

For Bridgend, there were two players involved who had not played before this season, Robert Rees and Simon Davis. For the Quarks, there was a change in board order to give Ian Abraham a more challenging match.

Fortunately for Barry, there were good performances all round with wins for Ian Abraham, John Stephenson and Martin Ricketts.

Tom Cooke and Chris Green on the top two boards chipped in with draws to give the Quarks their best win of the season by 4-1.

The Quarks find themselves in second place in the table, having played five games, although they are yet to play the Pentyrch Amateurs who have won all five of their games to date.

The Amateurs and the Pontypridd Spartans already seem destined for promotion, although it remains to be seen who will be the champions. The Quarks are in danger of being promoted in third place if they are not careful.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm most Mondays excluding Bank Holidays at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to turn up on the night, but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website so that we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind and arrange for someone to greet you on arrival. For more details, visit barrychessclub.yolasite.com

PJ

On and off the turf with Brian Lee

Local trainers Evan and Tim notch Stratford wins

EVAN Williams and Aberthin's Tim Vaughan both saddled winners at Stratford last Thursday.

Williams' four-year-old *Imperial Flem* won the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle by three lengths from Kim Bailey's Adjourned, and

Vaughan's five-year-old *De Forgotten One* took the Handicap Chase, getting home by a neck from *Lord Du Mesnil.*

Imperial Flem, a 12-1 chance, was partnered by stable jockey *Adam Wedge* and *De Forgotten One,* which went off at odds of 4-1, by stable jockey Alan Johns.

Another winner for Connor

Connor Brace, riding his grandfather David Brace's *Heavenly Promise* won the handicap chase at Uttoxeter last Friday. The eight-year-old, by *Presenting*, which went off the odds-on favourite, is trained by Fergal O'Brien in the west country and *Beni Light,* the horse that finished second and which was ridden by west Wales' Ben Jones, is trained in Pembrokeshire by Dai Rees.

The mud loving *Heavenly Promise* was also a winner at Uttoxeter, Sedgefield and Bangor.

Hesperus justifies gamble

Here is another story from my book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales.*

'All eyes were on Wales' most famous point-to-pointer *Mandryka* when he chalked-up his 30th success at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at St Hilary in 1976. But it was a nine-year-old bay gelding called *Hesperous,* owned and trained by Mr MG 'Gwyn' Williams, which caused something of a sensation later in the evening when landing a massive gamble from 16-1 to 2-1 in the maiden race.

Ridden by leading rider John Beavis, who had earlier won the adjacent hunts race on his own *April Delight,, Hesperous* won in a canter and came home an unchallenged winner by 10 lengths from *Little Wyke.*

'However, it was soon discovered that *Hesperous* should not even have been in the line-up as he had broken Jockey Club rules by being sharpened up in three hurdle races under Rules in the point-to-pointers' close season: the latest run just a few weeks earlier in a handicap hurdle at Hereford where he had finished a respectable ninth of 18 starters.

Mr Williams later attended a top-level Jockey Club inquiry and was fined £250. *Hesperous* was disqualified and the race awarded to the runner-up *Little Wyke.*'

Curre and Llangibby

The first of the Curre and Llangibby Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow on November 24 will see the start of the 2019-20 Welsh season.

The Carmarthenshire Hunt Point-To-Point will be staged at Ffos Las Racecourse on December 8 and the second of the two Curre and Llangibbyfixtures at Howick will be held on January 16.

Please e-mail your horse racing news and views to *brianlee4@virginmedia.com* or telephone 02920736438.

Ben's big win in Ascot hurdle race

FORMER point-to-point rider Ben Jones had his biggest success to date when landing the Sodexo Handicap Hurdle Listed race at Ascot last Saturday.

Riding the Philip Hobbs trained five-year-old *Gumball*, he made all the running to win by a neck from the Paul Nicholls-trained *Red Force One,* partnered by Bryony Frost to claim the £34,170 first prize.

Jones has ridden more than 200 winners between-the-flags and said: "This is a very special day and *Gumball* is my 19th winner of the season."

Jones was not the only west Wales jockey to ride a big winner at Ascot, as around 40 minutes earlier Lorcan Williams, riding for his guvnor Paul Nicholls, won the Byrne Group Handicap Chase Listed race on *Diego Du Charmil,* in somewhat controversial circumstances as his mount was spooked by another horse and was forced to jump the wing of the fence rather than the fence itself.

Brian Lee

The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League latest

THE Whitchill Wildcats extended their lead at the top of the table with a 10-2 victory at home against the Rhoose Social Pocket Dynamos, in a match where Ceri Morris suffered his first singles loss of the season at the hands of Rob Larkin and there was four from four for Sian Kedward and Wayne Hobson.

Still in second place are Billy Whizz who struggled to beat Coconuts 7-5, with the only notable feature being the victory of Simon Moore against Chris Bardsley.

In third place the Baruc-Cue-Das also struggled against the King William IV winning 7-5 with a last frame doubles victory. In the remaining games the Vale Wanderers again failed to win at home, losing 7-5 against the Libs Rejects; The Glenbrook Titans won 8-4 away against Finnegans, and the Rhoose Pot Jacks won 7-5 at home against the Castle Dark Lords.

JB

Barry Beavers play their part in Welsh victory

ON October 19, a team of 16, selected after the the regional swimming gala, travelled to Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre, where Wales were this year's hosts.

They competed against teams from all over England. The teams that competed (as a joint team) to represent Wales were: Barry Beavers, Rhondda Polar Bears, Blaenau Gwent Otters, Gwent Dolphins and Towy Salmon.

At the end of competition, a total of 12 medals had been won by Astra 15 Team Wales, and they won overall with 40 points on the day.

The events that won medals were the following: Gold – Ladies' 25m, Boys' 100m, Ladies' 100m, Men's 100m, Senior Relay, National League.

Silver – Men's 25m, Boys' 50m, Ladies' 50m, Girls' 100m.

Bronze – Girls' 50m, Men's 50m.

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Thanks offered to Brynhill pair

THURSDAY morning for the past 22 years, Mrs Diane Tapscott and Mrs Nicci Case have organised the Thursday League competitions at Brynhill Golf Club for a group of about 25 ladies who meet for 10/12 holes of golf.

Come rain or shine, they play their competition. At the end of the golfing season Diane organises a presentation lunch and this year was assisted by Chris Hopkins and Diane Davies.

Diane Tapscott presented beautiful prizes of Dartington Crystal glasses to winner Robbie Lee, second place Chris Hopkins and third place Olwen Thomas.

Diane thanked everyone for attending the dinner and supporting the Thursday League competitions and presented Chris and Diane Davies with a gift in appreciation for all their help.

The Ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick presented Diane with a bouquet of flowers and a gift from all of the ladies and thanked Diane for all her hard work and dedication.

October competition results: October 22 Waterlogged Wellies, winner: Linda Hewlett.

October 29 Hallowe'en Hags, winner: Jane Phillips.

Brynhill Winter/Christmas Fair is on November 12, £1 admission. Many Christmas gifts, crafts, lights, cards – all welcome!

JMK

Dinas Powys ladies' golf

THE latest results from Dinas Powis Golf Club ladies section are as follows:

On October 8, an 18-hole medal 10 was held: First Ruth Yates; second Sue Bridle; third Samantha Saunders.

On October 15, the nine-hole White Elephant medal: First Sam Saunders 41 – 9 =32 nett; second Angela Brown 48 – 13 = 35 nett; third Audrey Harwood 49 – 13.5 = 35.5.

On October 22, a nine-hole Stableford: First, Sue Bridle; second Sharon Jesson on back six from third Sam Saunders.

On October 29, a nine-hole medal Turkey Trot 1: First Ruth Yates 47 – 11.5 = 35.5; second Lisa Ryley 46 – 7.5 = 38.5; third Audrey Harwood 53 – 13.5 = 39.5.

RY

Barry RFC latest

AFTER the World Cup Final break, it's back to League action for Barry Rugby Club.

This weekend, they travel to play high-flying Treorchy in the first of three fixtures where they face the League's top sides. A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm for players and supporters.

Meanwhile, the Second XV are due to face Old Penarthians in the Ron Lucock Cup and the Youth XV face New Dock Stars in the Welsh Youth Cup. Both games at home kick off at 2.30pm.

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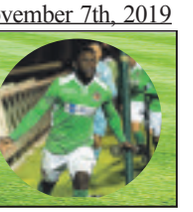

A new era and the most important element for Wales could be..... ... the fans.

Report by Philip Irwin

THE GEM's production schedule meant that it wasn't possible to do a report straight after the dubiously named 'Bronze Final'.

Just as well really, because Wales' semi-final performance looks a whole lot better in the light of the final. In that semi, Wales held the new champions to 16-all with 10 minutes left.

Wales had a drop goal chance, but the Springboks escaped and grabbed their chance when they were awarded a penalty. It said a lot about Warren Gatland's men's strength of character.

In the most costly training incident since Glenn McGrath trod on that cricket ball, Wales had lost their most potent attacking threat, Liam Williams, before the game, and by the time they reached half time they had lost George North and Tomas Francis.

In the final, England did lose Kyle Sinckler early on through concussion, but that was all. England fans have complained that Jerome Garces killed them by penalising them in the scrum, but the fact is that M. Garces refereed the Wales semi and, despite being under pressure, the Welsh scrum did not incur his displeasure.

To go back to the bronze final, the excellent sportswriter Martin Samuel is adamant that it should be done away with, on the grounds that it sentences one team to "go home as a two-time loser".

I agree, and sending out a depleted Welsh squad against a group of battle-hardened, fresh All Blacks, all keen for one last hurrah before heading off to Europe to top up their retirement fund, smacked of cruelty.

That Ben Smith can't get into the All Blacks team these days does rather set the phrase 'strength in depth' in context.

The two coaches said the right things, but no one seriously thought they wanted to be there. There seems to be an edge between Steve Hansen and Warren Gatland, so the Kiwi coach did take some satisfaction, but it was an unworthy send off for Gatland.

Which brings us to the new era, under Wayne Pivac. I'm not sure Gatland did his fellow Kiwi any favours, musing that it would be a great pity if Wales slipped back into the 'doldrums'.

Does that give fickle fans the green light to get discontented?

I was surprised that some Welsh friends on social media took a pretty harsh view of that bronze final. Apparently, Wales' passing was poor, the defence not up to scratch and the players were 'slow'.

Social media, it seems to me, encourages some people to be the first to find fault, so they can boast about it later if it turns out that they were right.

If they're wrong, of course, they go quiet.

Now, I have just used a sample so small that it is statistically useless, but I suspect that that scenario was repeated elsewhere. If so, then why is it important?

Well, in the good old days, after a disappointing Saturday performance, fans used to retire to the pub, have a good moan and let off steam. They might have been a bit grumpy on the Sunday, but by Monday it was back to the usual routine.

Now, some fans spend the week working each other up into a lather, and the result is that they are still discontented when they turn up for the next game. A few mistakes in the first 10 minutes and the atmosphere turns sour.

Then, surprise, surprise, the team under-performs and the same vicious cycle starts up again.

To give just one example, consider what has happened to Manchester United since Sir Alex Ferguson retired.

I grew up watching Bridgend RFC, and later on I moved to Cardiff. In those days, Bridgend were punching above their weight, while Cardiff were under performing, and the fans were part of the problem.

The Brewey Field was constantly supportive of the team. The only time I can recall a player being given a hard time was when a young centre ignored a clear overlap and failed to give the scoring pass to his winger.

Now that was a hanging offence!

At Cardiff, in contrast, the fans' attitude was "we've got the best players, what's wrong with you all?" Mervyn John was the captain at the time, and although he was a good player, he took a lot of flak. The atmosphere was so unpleasant that I simply stopped going to the Arms Park.

You may have guessed that this was before social media. I hate to think what would have been said about that Cardiff team nowadays.

So, my fear is that there are keyboard coaches out there dead keen to be the first to declare that Pivac doesn't have what it takes.

Whoever is Welsh coach, he will have to deal with the ever-present Welsh problem of 'strength in depth'. For this World Cup, we had quite a bit of depth in the pack. Props Samson Lee and Rob Evans were left behind, and lock Cory Hill didn't feature. On top of that Gatland did not need to call on a strong back row, in Elis Jenkins, Taulupe Faletau (both injured) and Sam Warburton (retired).

Scrum half was OK, with Gareth Davies and Tomos Williams (and Rhys Webb!!), but elsewhere in the backs it was shakier, with Jonathan Davies and Hadleigh Parkes so clearly our best centres that they both had to play strapped up like mummies in a Tutankhamun exhibition.

On top of that, Halfpenny, Patchell and Biggar had too many concussions over the preceding 12 months to feel comfortable.

So, thanks to the financial imperatives of the 'bronze final' Wales go home as the 'two time losers' - an incredibly tough way to finish what was without doubt a succesful Rugby World Cup.

Wales' players deserve a good rest, and young players coming through the regions are going to need to be looked after. Rugby is a pretty attritional sport these days, and the reserves are as important as the first team.

It's a tough sport, and it would be good to think that the fans will learn the virtue of patience - but I'm not holding my breath!

Llantwit Major Cavaliers look back on promotion season

Rob Toutt receiving the bowling award from Eddie Pickford.

LAST weekend, the Llantwit Major Cavaliers gathered together to review the successes of last season and acknowledge individual performances.

Club chairman Nigel Allison began with thanking key supporters of the club before highlighting some of the successes, which culminated in the team tying at the top of the table with Swansea Civil Service, who were crowned champions based on games won.

During the season the team bowled the opposition out seven times and in doing so gained five 10-wicket victories. Their season bonus points total was a huge 153, which was the second best in the whole league structure.

On an individual basis, the bowling award went to Rob Toutt ,who took 29 wickets at and average of 11.86. Rob's highlight was taking eight wickets for 18 against Mumbles,which not only topped the Welsh honours board for the week but also earned him fourth place on the national hours board for the week.

The batting award went to Nigel Allison, who finished the season with an average of 66. His opening partner, Craig Thomas, also finished the season with an excellent average of 62.

Other awards on the night on the night went to Gurpreet Romana, who took the fielding award, Ieuan Williams who was voted players' player of the season and Craig Thomas, who was the captain's choice.

Next year, after gaining promotion, the club will be facing new opposition in Division Four. To prepare for this challenge nets will start in the new year.

Cowbridge Darts League

Edmondes B stay on top!

ON October 29 we had a full evening of league fixtures.

With the Highwayman Inn having a bye, the Edmondes B took the opportunity to solidify their lead of last week, defeating the One Town Hall Square 16-5. In this match Nick Smith (Edmondes B) hit a 119, three dart out - the highest so far this season. Also Dai Thomas (Edmondes B) had a 109 out and Luke Richards (Edmondes B) hit his third 180 of the season.

The Edmondes A beat the Edmondes C 12-9 and the Farmers Arms beat the Red Lion Inn 14-6. In a very close match the Victoria Inn beat the Hairy Farmers 10-8.

Present league standings, after five weeks, are: Edmondes B (72 points), Highwayman Inn (53), Victoria Inn (48), Hairy Farmers and Farmers Arms (45), Edmondes A (43), Edmondes C (41), One Town Hall Square (39) and Red Lion Inn (32).

Next week Tuesday, November 12 the Edmondes A hosts the Farmers Arms, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Red Lion Inn hosts the One Town Hall Square and the Edmondes C hosts the Victoria Inn. The Edmondes B have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Big fortnight lies ahead for Blood and Blacks

AFTER an enforced few weeks sabbatical due to weather postponements and the World Cup, Llantwit Major RFC's Blood and Blacks will be hoping that they are not too ring rusty as they have a huge fortnight ahead of them.

Sitting on top of the league with five games won out of five, they have had a great start to the season but it is still early days and in the next fortnight they play their current closest rivals Treherbert at home and then travel to take on Cardiff side, Caerau Ely.

First up then this Saturday the big boys will be in town as Treherbert, the Red Devils, who are also unbeaten, will know doubt be fired up and ready to knock the Llantonians off their perch. Kick off is at 2:30pm

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Healthspan Wales 10k Series dates announced

THE dates of the Barry and Porthcawl legs of the 2020 Healthspan Wales 10k Series races have been revealed.

Entries are now on sale for the four 10k races next year.

Almost 18,000 runners stepped up from their regular Saturday parkrun to enjoy the full Run 4 Wales 10k experience in 2019.

The Brecon Carreg Cardiff Bay Run is on March 29, and the ABP Newport Wales Marathon is on April 19.

However, runners can opt to do a 10k at the Newport event.

The Healthspan Porthcawl 10k returns for its second instalment on July 5 after the success of the inaugural event, before the Barry Island 10k rounds off the four race Series on August 2.

Debra's in top form

WEST Wales trainer Debra Hamer who hails from Bridgend has her charges in cracking form of late.

Last Sunday, her *Out Of The Glen*, ridden by Paddy Brennan, landed the Fairfax Saddles Handicap hurdle at Huntingdon when finishing three parts of a length ahead of *Our Nest Egg*.

Twenty-four hours later at Hereford, her *Layerthorpe*, partnered by Ben Jones, took the opening Dawleys Conditional Jockeys' Handicap when getting home by a neck from *Master Tradesman*.

Jones was chalking-up his 20th winner of the season. *Layerthorpe* was returned at odds of 7-2 and *Out Of The Glen* was a 13-2 chance.

Brian Lee

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Latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for the competition played on November 4 are as follows:

First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 66.67 per cent; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans 63.19 per cent; third, Julia Evans and Trish Roe 59.72 per cent.

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